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Jacob Benson, Pioneer

And His Descendants:

In the Towns of Dover and Amenia,
Dutchess County, New York
and elsewhere

Together with Some Information of the Early Members
of the Benson Family in New England
and New York State

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Syracuse N.Y., July 31, 1922
116 Tenth Place

Dear Mr Darling

Her birth is not given in the burial records as given on page 28 which say she married Daniel Darling and died Sept 20, 1842 aged 60, and so was born in 1773. It says she was buried at Dover Plains N.Y. (and presumably Daniel Darling also) which would seem to show that she m. Daniel and not Peter. Any way as she was born in 1773 she could not have had an illegitimate daughter in 1774. This is all I have to say on this matter. I am sorry that I cannot give you more information.

As you fill out page 22 I have then indicated what

PREFACE.

This volume is not a genealogical record, such as the genealogies in general, or in the line, or have often passed for one. It would have been a task far beyond the powers of the compiler to have been taken to obtain details from all sections of the country, and from all of recent and less research has been made, and some direct descendants, the first one of the family has died in Boston, December 11, 1871, New York, and several others have come from Providence, New Bedford, Rhode Island, about 1742.

In addition to the data given of his name, as before mentioned, have thought it may be of some interest to the reader to know of the earlier generations in New England, as well as of the Dutch family in New York.

Old documents have been made, and to these to be as authentic and complete as possible. It has of course, been most difficult to learn all about the earlier generations, but it has been a great effort, and with the rising spirit of pioneer times, many have been westward, and though, in most instances, their last resting place is known, other records of them are few.

From ancient family bibles, and from interviews and correspondence with older members of the family, I am indebted to many who have is herein given in relation to these early ancestors.

Among those to whom I wish to express my sense of obligation for valued information of the New England Bakers, is Mr. F. H. Benson, of Saratoga, N. Y., who has in preparation a genealogical record of the Benson family in the United States. He has given many years of his time and labor to the work, and I am certain that in the completion of it a most accurate and comprehensive history of the family will have been achieved.

Miss Frances Corlies, a genealogist of New York City, has furnished much of the data contained in the notes of the Dutch family.

Extracts from "The Early History of New York," by John H. Norton, New York, have been included, as showing the early development of the country during the period of its early development.

For example, all the information that appears in this book is derived in the main from the *Times* and *London Standard* newspapers. It is impossible to cover the full historical scope of the family, in which I have corresponded in distant stages, and the information given will be of interest to all of us, like me, as the guest of P. has proven to be a man.

It will be noted that each page of this book contains a large number of names, and I have already found it necessary to make books of this kind for my children, the children of my children, and my children. It has seemed to me more satisfactory to follow the plan of giving to group members of the same generation a book which contains the index and name desired, and to give to each individual a book which will result from the collection of something similar to the index.

A feature of the book is the blank space at the end of each page for the records for recording information desired, and it is possible to use these as a calendar, or a record, and thus make it a family record, continuous and unbroken.

The subject of the book has been limited, for the most part, to those who bear the P. name, and to the children of the children of the daughters in this initial family, who have married, and I have been a task too great for me to have accomplished.

A. T. P.

July 1, 1915.

Dover Plains, New York

Elzing Benson sold the farm to Benson, Jr. in 1860, and removed. Ralph Benson, who lived on the place known as the "Brass Fall," in Denbross, was a brother of Elzing. He remembers one Isaac Benson, who lived in the same place at Pearlance, about 1810, between Elzing Benson and Elias Corbett.

Isaac Benson referred in his testimony to his mother, Jacob Benson and also to Milburn Todd.

Reuben Benson, son and heir of the Benson homestead at Chestnut Hill about 1740. He married a live slave, married 40 years, until his death in 1793. He had four sons, one of whom was Benson. To the former he married about 1775 he gave as a gift of the worldly part of his farm he sold on addition he had previously erected a house, probably at the time of his son's marriage in 1786. He was succeeded in the occupancy of the homestead by his son, Benson, who had previously and probably some time after his father's death, lived at Millstone and moved the old mill near the place he saw mill at that place. He also built a mill house on Millstone, the site of which the Baffins had taken over from his father and wanted to keep one at Chestnut Hill after his return to the old homestead.

This individual and his wife Abigail, are still remembered by the old inhabitants as kindly and kindly Benson.

The landholder and his son John, after the marriage of the latter, lived on the homestead together until the death of the father, after which time John, or William Benson, by which name he was best known, lived there till he died in 1810, when his son, Jared, known as Captain Jared, and later in life as Jared Benson, began to rule to the possession and occupied it till his death in 1854. Since then his son, Jared Benson, Jr., lived on the homestead till 1860, and then his son, Sylvanus H. Benson, who is the present occupant of a part of the same, lives in a stone house built on the south side of the road. The house on the north side of the road being the site of the ancient homestead, has been occupied by tenants since 1856 but belongs to Jared Benson, Esq., last above named, who has removed to Arkona on the Mississippi river, 50 miles above St. Paul, Minn.

The first house built on the farm owned by Leonard W. D. Mag, was erected about 1761 by Mr. Benson Benson, who lived there his descendant, Sylvanus H. Benson now lives and his son, Joseph Ben-

George, son of David H. and Eliza A. Benson, d. Oct. 18, 1870, aged 18 1/2 days.
Mary, daughter of David H. and Eliza A. Benson, d. Oct. 18, 1870, aged 18 1/2 days.
John, son of David H. and Eliza A. Benson, d. Oct. 18, 1870, aged 18 1/2 days.
Following are the names of the children:

Levi Benson, son of David H. and Eliza A. Benson, d. Oct. 18, 1870.
On the same day as above.

Alfred Benson, d. Oct. 18, 1870.

Elizabeth Benson, d. Oct. 18, 1870.

Eliza A. Benson, d. Oct. 18, 1870.

On the same day as above.

Levi Benson, son of David H. and Eliza A. Benson, d. Oct. 18, 1870, aged 18 1/2 days.

Samuel Benson, son of David H. and Eliza A. Benson, d. Oct. 18, 1870, aged 18 1/2 days.

Levi Benson, son of David H. and Eliza A. Benson, d. Oct. 18, 1870, aged 18 1/2 days.

IN THE BORLAND DISTRICT BURIAL-GROUND BETWEEN LITCHFIELD, N. Y., AND SHELTON, CONN.

John Benson, son of David H. and Eliza A. Benson,

d. Oct. 18, 1870, aged 18 1/2 days.

Levi Benson, daughter of David H. and Eliza A.

d. Aug. 15, 1855, aged 1 year, 8 months, 1 day.

Phoebe Benson, daughter of David H. and Eliza A.

d. April 20, 1855, aged 8 years, 2 months, 3 days.

David H. Benson, d. April 20, 1855, aged 45.

Evan Benson, died Oct. 18, 1855, aged 45.

Eliza Ann Benson, daughter of David H., d. Aug. 15, 1855, aged 37.

Jesse, the grandfather of David, died Oct. 11, 1855, aged 91.

Lois, wife of Jesse, died Feb. 7, 1857, in her 85th year.

Lavin Benson, died Nov. 13, 1859, aged 49.

Some of this family formerly lived on what is known as "Saw
Mountain."

EARLY HISTORY OF THE BENSON FAMILY IN NEW YORK STATE.

Dirck Bensingh, the emigrant, who arrived in New Amsterdam in 1648 is said to be of the pure stock of the Dutch family in America. He was a small, hardy, energetic Dutchman, 8 years old, to Amsterdam, Holland, where he met his wife, Catharina Claes, and after wards embarked to found his home and family in the Province of New York.

Many of his descendants were largely identified with the early history of New York City, and were also numbered among the residents of Westchester, Dutchess and Ulster Counties.

He purchased a house and lot on the foot in New Amsterdam, (Now New York City.) In 1649. In 1711 he went to foot Orange, (Albany,) where he built a house, and assisted in the building of the new Church in 1670. (H. Glad. Feb. 28, 1670.)

The children of Dirck and Catharina Bensingh were: Dirck, born 1650; Sampson, born 1652; Johannes, born 1656; Catharina, born 1657; Maria, born 1659.

The three sons grew up in Albany and were prominent in the church. Sampson had a pottery. Dirck sailed a sloop between New York and Albany. Johannes was an innkeeper.

Owing to the French and Indian hostilities they removed to New York shortly before 1700. Johannes located in Harlem, where, it is said, his descendants continued among the largest landowners, until it ceased to be an agricultural community.

Johannes Benson, as the name came to be spelled, married Elizabeth Van Dusen of Albany, July 20, 1676. They had ten children of record. Sampson, Helena, Dirck, Catharina, Rachel, Matthew, Catherine, Marritie, Johannes, and Benjamin.

Dirck Benson, son of the emigrant, Dirck was born in 1670, and died June 26, 1717.

Married Thyse Claes, of Albany.

They had six children: Catharina, Eva, Rachael, Eva (again), Derick and Thyse.

sons of Henry of the Purts. He died in 1662, and left a son, John, who died in 1682. They had three daughters, one of whom was Robert William Fitzpatrick's mother.

Of these, certainly the eldest, who was married, the married couple had three sons, one of whom, both, John, Robert, and Tryphena.

Robert was born in 1674, died in 1742.

He married in the New York City, 1748, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert, born 1716, died 1784.

Henry, born 1711, died 1724.

Mary, born 1717, died young.

Robert, Dodge, born June 31, 1719, died 1784, not married.

Constance, born 1718, died young.

Anthony, born 1712, died 1791.

Robert, born 1710-1791, was the son of Henry, and much of his life was spent in the service of the British, and he was a member of the British during the Revolution.

Robert was a member of the first Committee of Safety, a Secretary of the first Convention, and was a member of the first State Convention under the Constitution, and was a Secretary of the first Senate, and was also a member of the first Council of Governor Clinton.

Henry Benson, 1710-1791, was born in England, but subsequently became a resident in the County of Dutchess. In the winter of 1710-1711 he was the captain of the only armed vessel on the Hudson River, and was also in charge of the chain and other descriptions in the Prison at West Point, and he terrified the progress of the British up the river.

Robert Benson, 1710-1791, was a conspicuous political soldier and jurist. He graduated from King's College in 1735, and received the degree of M. A. in 1768 from his Alma Mater. In 1769 he was elected to the Council of the County of Dutchess, Dutchess County, and perished in the Revolution. He was married. In 1710 he was appointed a member of the Committee of Safety. In 1715 he represented Dutchess County in the Provincial Convention, which met in New York for the purpose of choosing

JACOB BENSON, PIONEER.

It is established beyond doubt that the origin of the family is in the North in Eastern Dutchess County, New York, was Jacob Benson, who came to "Old Patteness," New York Colony (now Burrellville, Rhode Island), about the year 1712.

It will be noted by reading the extract from the book by Preserved S. Thayer, and I in the "Early New England Record" of this volume, that this Jacob Benson sold and thereafter dwelt with a part of his farm in Rhode Island prior to 1742.

There is a tradition that he came to Dutchess County with his wife, on horse back, and the only carrying possession they brought with them was a feather bed.

It is thought that his father was Isaac Benson, of Rochester, Mass. In the Vital Record of Rochester, the marriage of Isaac Benson to Mary Lemperts, of Sandwich, Mass., is registered in 4+ss or 9.

The father of Isaac was John Benson, and the latter's father was also John Benson. As stated elsewhere the earliest record came to New England from the mother country soon after the "Pilgrim Fathers." In a genealogy of the Brewster family, the ancestor of which was Elder William Brewster, leader of the Pilgrims, it is stated that the Brewsters and Bensons are connected.

We have no record of the birth of Jacob Benson, 1st. Neither is it known when he married. In the U. S. Census of 1790 he is enumerated as living in Pawlingtown, but his will was dated at America, N. Y., April 19, 1800. The will was proven May 4, 1801, so that if he died in the latter year he would have been a resident here 50 years. His son, Jacob died in 1817 in his 84d year, and would therefore have been about 36 years old at the time of his father's demise. It follows, then, that the pioneer of the family in Dover and America must have lived to a respectable age—probably over 60.

It is not known where he first landed, but presumably in the territory afterwards known as the "Benson Neighborhood," where many of his descendants have continued to reside up to the present time.

WILL OF JACOB PERSON.

I, Jacob Person, of the County of Albany, State of New York, do hereby certify and declare that I have been afflicted with the palsy, and am unable to write, and knowing that it is my duty to make provision for the support of my wife and children, and for the disposal of my property, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and have caused the foregoing to be written by me in decent manner, and in the presence of three or more persons, such as legally exist where I reside, and of the County of Albany, and of my life, I give, devise and bequeath, to my wife, Anna Person, of the County of Albany, and to my children, William Person, Joseph Person and Jacob Person, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Also I give and bequeath to my son, Jacob Person, the sum of one hundred dollars, who is the son of my son, Jacob Person, of the County of Albany, and of my goods, chattels and real estate, and of my life.

I likewise give and bequeath to my son, Jacob Person, the sum of one hundred dollars, who was the wife of my son, John Person, of the County of Albany, and of my last will and testament, he witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 10th day of April in the year of our Lord, Eighteen Hundred.

JACOB P. PERSON, 1st.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the said Jacob Person, 1st, as, and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us who were present at the signing, sealing and delivering thereof.

ARCHIBALD ROSS,
JOHN HOOVER,
ROBERT B. NOLAN.

Proved May 4, 1861.

Gilbert Livingston, Surrogate of
Dutchess County, N. Y.

II.

JACOB BENSON, 2nd.

Jacob Benson, 2d, son of Jacob Benson and———,

b. 1735.

d. January 18, 1847, in his 82d year.

The Meaden Auctioneers state that Jacob Benson was "X Partners," New York, and Lydia Thompson "his and heirs," May 12, 1860.

Lydia died March 24, 1822, aged 50 years.

Well preserved tombstones mark their graves in Valley View Cemetery, at Dover Plains, N. Y.

Jacob Benson, 2d, lived on the farm in the town of Andover, N. Y., adjoining the farm of the late William F. Benson, and now owned by Thomas S. Benson.

III.

SIX CHILDREN.

1. Jacob Benson, 3rd.
2. Susan Benson.
3. Lydia Benson.
4. Benjamin Benson.
5. Hannah Benson.
6. David Benson.

III.

JACOB BENSON, 2d.

Jacob Benson, 2d., son of Jacob Benson, 1st., and Martha Smith, born about 1760, in New York.

L. June 4, 1798, at Arden, N. Y.

Married Martha Smith.

She was born Oct. 2, 1765.

He went from Arden, N. Y., to England, and died at Philadelphia, March 2, 1800, aged 31 years.

IV.

FIVE CHILDREN.

1. Rufus Benson.
2. Sarah Benson.
3. Susan Benson.
4. Thompson Benson.
5. Chauncy Benson.

IV.

RUFUS BENSON, 1st.

Rufus Benson, 1st., son of Jacob Benson, 2d., and Martha Smith, born about 1799, in Arden, N. Y.

Married Mary Deibel, of Delaware, and was buried near Pottsville, Barry County, Michigan.

V.

SIX CHILDREN.

1. Leonis Benson.
2. Rufus Benson, 2d. (*No record*.)
3. Mary Benson. (*No record*.)
4. Almira Benson. (*No record*.)
5. Joseph Benson. (*died at the age of 18*.)
6. Henry E. Benson.

V.

LOOMIS BENSON.

Loomis Benson, son of Rufus Benson, 18 years, Mary Orthog.
b. about 1810.

Married ———, d.——, 1879.

His home was near Farmville, Albemarle County, Michigan.

VI.

FIVE CHILDREN.

1. William J. Benson. (No record.)

2. Rufus Benson, Jr. (No record.)

3. Mary Benson. (No record.)

4. Joseph Benson. (No record.)

5. Neal D. Benson. (No record.)

V.

HENRY E. BENSON.

Henry E. Benson, son of John Benson and Mary Orthog.

b. Either in Dutchess or Ulster County, New York, August 1,
1824.

Married Lydia A. Draper, at Hudson, Ohio, Dec. 12, 1844.

d. at Silver Creek, Michigan, May 24, 1888, and is buried at Plainwell,
Michigan. His wife, who died at Silver Creek, Michigan, April 5,
1888, is also buried at Plainwell.

VI.

FIVE CHILDREN.

1. Adolbert L. Benson.

2. Ella L. Benson.

3. Arthur E. Benson.

4. Clinton H. Benson.

5. Milton O. Benson.

VI.

ADOLPH L. BENSON.

Adolph L. Benson, son of Albert L. Benson, and Julia A. Benson.

b. at Salem, Ohio, Dec. 20, 1871.

Married Rose Morton, June 1, 1894.

J. Adelbert, son of A. L. Benson, and Rose Morton.

His wife died at Toledo, Ohio.

Both are now located in Marion, Ohio.

VII.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Allan Louis Benson.

2. Lucia Benson.

VIII.

ALLAN LOUIS BENSON.

Allan Louis Benson, son of Adolph L. Benson, and Rose Morton.
b. Nov. 6, 1874.

Married Mary Hark, of Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1893.

She was born—.

Mr. Benson is a well known writer on sociology.

Among his published works are:

"The Truth About Socialism."

"Our Federal Constitution."

"The Usurped Power of the Courts."

"A Way to Prevent War" (1915).

He resides at 4 Arthur Street, Yonkers, N. Y.

VIII.

FOUR CHILDREN.

1. Mary Benson, born at Detroit, Michigan, May 20, 1874.

2. Welton H. Benson, born at Detroit, Michigan, June 21, 1874.

3. Allan Louis Benson, Jr., born at Detroit, Michigan, Nov. 17, 1905.

4. James Adelbert Benson, born at Yonkers, N. Y., March 16, 1908.

VII.

LUCIA BENSON.

Lucia Benson Percy daughter of Adolbert L. Benson and Rose Morris.

b. Aug. 10, 1893.

Married Claude V. Percy, of Battle Creek, Michigan.

They reside at Memphis, Tennessee.

V.

ELLA L. BENSON.

Ella L. Benson Ball, daughter of Henry F. Benson and Lydia A. Draper.

b. at Shalersville, Ohio, August 24, 1851.

Married James M. Ball, of Lowell, Michigan.

d. at Lowell, Michigan, in 1890.

VI.

ARTHUR E. BENSON.

Arthur E. Benson, son of Henry E. Benson and Lydia A. Draper.

b. at Shalersville, Ohio, July 13, 1854.

Married Sarah A. White of Otsée, Michigan, in 1883.

He resides at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

VII.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Carrie F. Benson, b. April 26, 1885.

Married June 16, 1909, to F. Carl Danielsky.

2. Helen Benson, b. Oct. 26, 1888.

VI.

CLINTON H. BENSON.

Clinton H. Benson, son of Henry E. Benson and Lydia A. Draper.

b. at Prairieville, Michigan, Jan. 13, 1859.

Married Alice Miller in 1883.

He resides on a farm near Battle Creek, Michigan.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Lucille Benson. (*No record*.)

VI.

MILTON O. BENSON.

Milton O. Benson, son of Horace L. Benson and Lydia A. Dwyer.
 b. at Portland, Me., March 18, 1851.
 Married Oct. 25, 1881.
 He resides on a farm near Battle Creek, Mich. U.S.A.

VII.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Leon Benson. *No record.*
2. Ida Benson. *No record.*
3. Omy Benson. *No record.*

IV.

SARAH BENSON.

Sarah Benson, Nease, daughter of Jacob Benson, Sr., and Martha Smith.

b. March 11, 1778.

Married Henry L. Nease, ———.

d. Jan. 25, 1849.

He was born Nov. 12, 1770.

d. Oct. 6, 1806.

buried at South Amenia, N. Y.

They were the parents of Mrs. Will. F. Whitcomb, of South Amenia, N. Y., and the parents of Henry N. Whitcomb, merchant, and for many years Supervisor of the town of Amenia.

In 1815 Mrs. Whitcomb was 38 years of age. She recalls to mind that when a young girl, she accompanied her father on a trip to Trankhaskock, Pennsylvania, to visit her uncle, Wm. Benson. The journey was made with a horse and wagon and occupied three days.

IV.

SUSAN BENSON.

Susan Benson, daughter of Jacob Benson, Sr., and Martha Smith.

b. August 8, 1802.

d. ———

buried in Pennsylvania.

IV.

TWO BROWN BENSON.

Thompson Benson, son of Jacob Benson, Fed., and Martha Smith.
b. May 28, 1878.
d.——.
buried in Pennsylvania.

IV.

CHAUNCEY BENSON.

Chauncey Benson, son of Jacob Benson, Fed., and Martha Smith.
b. Jan. 6, 1879.
Married Susan Brutzman.——.
d.——, buried at Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania.

V.

SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Emma Benson.
2. Etna Benson.
3. Mary Benson.
4. Susan Benson.
5. Janetie Benson.
6. George A. Benson.
7. Martha Elizabeth Benson. *(No record)*.

V.

EMMA BENSON.

Emma Benson James, daughter of Chauncey Benson and Sarah Brutzman.
b. Nov. 17, 1885, d.——.
Married William James. ——.

V.

ETNA BENSON.

Etna Benson, daughter of Chauncey Benson and Sarah Brutzman.
b. May 29, 1887, d.——.

A.

MARY BENSON.

Mary Benson Harding, daughter of Chauncey Benson and Sarah Brutzman.

b. May 11, 1839.

Married N. J. Harding, Oct. 11, 1860.

Resides at Tunkhannock, Penn.

B.

SUSAN BENSON.

Susan Benson, daughter of Chauncey Benson and Sarah Brutzman.

b. March 2, 1841, d. —.

C.

JANETTE BENSON.

Janette Benson Jayne, daughter of Chauncey Benson and Sarah Brutzman.

b. Jan. 6, 1844, d. June 25, 1890.

Married Charles Jayne, —.

Buried at Mykoeopony, Penn.

D.

GEORGE A. BENSON.

George A. Benson, son of Chauncey Benson and Sarah Brutzman.

b. July 2, 1848.

Married Alice H. Graham, Jan. 2, 1871.

Resides at Tunkhannock, Pa.

E.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Thompson Benson. b. Feb. 14, 1875, d. May 12, 1875.

2. Warren G. Benson.

VI.

WARREN G. BENSON.

Warren G. Benson, son of George Benson and Mary Plummer
Benson.

b. Jan. 11, 1871.

Married Helen May Benson, Feb. 1, 1898.

Resides at Tuxedo, N. Y.

VII.

EDNA BENSON.

1. George Benson, Benson, b. Dec. 24, 1806; d. 1878; m. 1831.

2. Mary Agate Benson, m. 1831; d. 1871.

3. Peter Dean Benson, b. June 1, 1808.

4. Oscar William Benson, b. Oct. 27, 1841; d. Nov. 1, 1904.

5. Helen May Benson, b. March 29, 1867; d. Nov. 12, 1897.

III.

SUSAN BENSON.

Susan Benson, daughter of Daniel Benson and Lydia
Thompson.

b.——.

Married John Benson,——.

d.——.

III.

LIDIA BENSON.

Lidia Benson Darling, daughter of Jacob Benson, 2nd, and Lydia Thompson.

b.—, 1773.

Married David Darling, —.

d. Sept. 29, 1841, aged 69 years.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

III.

BENJAMIN BENSON, 1st.

Benjamin Benson, 1st, son of Jacob Benson, 2nd, and Lydia Thompson.

The dates of his birth and death are not known.

He was twice married.

1st wife, Betsy Gillette.

2nd wife, Deborah Mackam.

It is said that he lived at Schatticoke, near Kent, Litchfield County, Conn.

IV.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Benjamin Benson, 2nd.
2. Rebecca Benson.
3. Lydia Benson.

IV.

BENJAMIN BENSON, 2nd.

Benjamin Benson, 2nd, son of Benjamin Benson and Betsy Gillette.

b.—.

Married Susan Kilney, —.

d.—.

There was a son, Benjamin, 3rd, but there is no record of him except that he met an accidental death on the railroad about the year 1880.

IV.

REBECCA THOMPSON.

Rebecca Thompson, daughter of Joseph Thompson, 1st, and Betsy Gillette.

b. Dec. 1, 1812.

Married John Thompson, ———.

d. Dec. 1878.

Buried at D. Jones, N. Y.

IV.

LYDIA BENSON.

Lydia Benson, daughter of Benjamin Benson, 1st, and Betsy Gillette.

b. June 2, 1806.

Married Nathaniel Stile, ———.

d. Dec. 1, 1872, aged 66 years.

III.

HANNAH BENSON.

Hannah Benson Hunt, daughter of Joseph Benson, 2nd, and Lydia Thompson.

b. ———.

Married Peter Hunt, ———.

d. ———.

III.

DAVID BENSON.

David Benson, son of Jacob Benson and Mary Thompson.
b.—, 1779.

Married Susan Sprague.

d. Feb. 11, 1857.

She died Feb. 11, 1857, aged 79 years. He was 60 years of age when they were married, he being 20 years of age and she 57.

His home was in the town of Dover, N. H., where he was born. He was married in the town of Dover, N. H., and lived in Dover, N. H., until he died.

He was buried in Dover, N. H.

IV.

NEXT GENERATION.

1. Joseph Benson.

2. Jefferson Benson.

3. Mary Benson.

4. David Benson.

5. Alanson Benson.

6. Jacob Benson, d. Dec. 11, 1857, aged 79.

7. William Benson, d. Feb. 10, 1859, aged 78.

8. Garner Benson. *No record.*

9. Alphon Benson. *No record.*

IV.

JOSEPH BENSON.

Joseph Benson, son of David Benson and Susan Sprague.

b.—, 1800.

Married Helen Gillette.

d. Feb. 11, 1877.

She died some years afterwards, aged 84.

Resided in the town of Dover, N. H., where he was born.

Familially known as "Uncle Joseph Benson."

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

FIVE CHILDREN.

1. Silas Benson, b. 1827, d. April, 1888 (unmarried).
2. Susan Benson.
3. Eleanor Benson.
4. Edwin D. Benson.
5. Charles Benson, b. 1838, d. Dec. 25, 1881 (unmarried).

V.

SUSAN BENSON.

Susan Benson Watts, daughter of Joseph Benson and Helen Gillette.

b. Dec. 5, 1839.

Married Albert Watts, ———.

d. Nov. 27, 1892.

Buried at South Amenia, N. Y.

V.

ELEANOR BENSON.

Eleanor Benson Nightingale, daughter of Joseph Benson and Helen Gillette.

b. April 16, 1836.

Married Edwin N. Nightingale, of Quincy, Mass.

d. Sept. 15, 1905.

Buried at Quincy, Mass.

V.

EDWIN D. BENSON.

Edwin D. Benson, son of Joseph Benson and Helen Gillette.
b. June —, 1837.

Married Adeline Rogers, Nov. 16, 1860.

d. Oct. 23, 1910.

She was born July 11, 1843.

He is buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. David Benson.

2. Ellen Benson.

VI.

DAVID BENSON.

David Benson, son of Edwin D. Benson and Adeline Rogers.

b. Jan. 5, 1862.

Married Henrietta Lucile Benson, Oct. 14, 1885.

d. April 2, 1888.

She was born Aug. 13, 1867.

He was a trainman on the Hudson Division of the N. Y. Central
R. R. and was killed while on duty.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VII.

HERBERT E. BENSON.

ONE CHILD.

Herbert E. Benson, son of David Benson and Henrietta Louise
Benson.

b. July 24, 1883.

Married Margaret Zimmerman, Dec. 16, 1908.

Resides at White Plains, N. Y.

Occupation, Electrician.

VIII.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Harold David Benson, b. Feb. 21, 1910.

2. Anna Ruth Benson, b. June 4, 1912.

VI.

ELLEN BENSON.

Ellen Benson Fox, daughter of Edwin Benson and Adaline Powers.

b. Aug. 31, 1857.

Married Eugene Fox, Sept. 27, 1894.

Resides at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

JEREMIAH BENSON.

Jacobsen born son of John Benson and Sarah Peterson.

b. Nov. 10, 1804.

Married Elizabeth Glenn,——.

d. June 20, 1871.

She was born at age 16.

d. Feb. 10, 1878, aged 73.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

FIVE CHILDREN.

1. Elizabeth Benson.
2. Sylvia Benson, b. 1831, d. April 30, 1844.
3. Jacob Benson.
4. Melissa Benson.
5. Phoebe Benson.

V.

ELIZABETH GLENN.

Elizabeth Benson Davis, daughter of Jeremiah Benson and Fanny Glenn.

b. Nov. 13, 1818.

Married Charles Davis,——, 1848.

d. March 31, 1870.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

JACOB BENSON.

Jacob Benson, son of Jederson Benson and Fannie Glenn.
b. ---, 1833.

Married Ruth ---, April 1, 1855.

d. Dec. 18, 1861, in a hospital at Normandy, France, where
she was born Feb. 6, 1836.

d. Aug. 29, 1861.

Jacob Benson enlisted in Company E, 150th Infantry, County
Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers, on Sept. 1, 1861, and rendered faithful
service until his death.

VI.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Elizabeth Benson.

2. Ella M. Benson, b. May 18, 1860, d. June 10, 1875.

3. Josephine Benson, b. Feb. 27, 1863, d. Feb. 22, 1890.

VI.

ELIZABETH BENSON.

Elizabeth Benson, Davis, daughter of Jacob Benson and Ruth
White.

b. Jan. 6, 1858.

Married William Davis, Aug. 24, 1875.

Resides at 370 Evergreen Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

V.

MANASSA BENSON.

Manassa Benson, son of Jederson Benson and Fannie Glenn.
b. 1837.

d. in a hospital at New Orleans, during the Civil War.

He enlisted in the 128th P. I. Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers.

V.

ELLEN BENSON.

Ellen Benson Wells, daughter of John A. Benson and Fanny Glenn.

b. —, 1849.

Married Philip Wells.

d. —, 1866.

IV.

ALANSON BENSON.

Alanson Benson, son of David Benson and Susan ———.

b. March 24, 1816.

Married Rachel Patchin, — —.

d. —, 1867.

She was born Sept. 1, 1810.

d. Dec. 4, 1867. Resided in the town of Kent, Conn.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y. Occupation, farming.

V.

FOUR CHILDREN.

1. Sarah Benson.

2. Lydia Benson.

3. Garner Benson.

4. William H. Benson, b. 1847, d. young.

V.

SARAH BENSON.

Sarah Benson Stark, daughter of Alanson Benson and Rachel Patchin.

b. May 3, 1832.

Married Cyrus Stark, Oct. 20, 1854.

He was born Nov. 17, 1812, d. Dec. 14, 1910.

They resided in the town of Dover, N. Y., and he is buried at Pawling, N. Y.

Occupation, farming.

V.

LYDIA BENSON.

Lydia Benson Hoag, daughter of Alanson Benson and Rachel Patchin.

b. April 27, 1833.

Married Sanford Hoag, Sept. 21, 1856.

d. Nov. 18, 1904.

Mr. Hoag is a resident of the town of Dover, N. Y.

V.

GARNER BENSON.

Garner Benson, son of Alanson Benson and Rachel Patchin.

b. March 27, 1839.

Married Mary M. Spencer, March 23, 1858.

d. April 18, 1907.

She was born Dec. 23, 1834, d. June 17, 1912. They were buried at Kent, Conn.

VI.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Millie D. Benson, b. Jan. 12, 1859, d. Mar. 7, 1876.

2. Lucy Jane Benson.

3. William A. Benson.

VI.

LUCY JANE BENSON.

Lucy Jane Benson Pierce, daughter of Garner Benson and Mary M. Spencer.

b. Jan. 21, 1861.

Married Frank W. Pierce, June 30, 1891.

Resides at Auburn, Mass.

VI.

WILLIAM A. BENSON.

William A. Benson, son of Garret Benson and Mary M. Sprague,
b. Dec. 26, 1863.

Married Jennie Applegate Jan. 21, 1892.
d. March 4, 1963.

IV.

MARY BENSON.

Mary Benson Wells, daughter of David Benson and Susan
Sprague.

b. —.

Married Elbert Wells, —.

d. about 1870. Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

DAVID BENSON, 2nd.

David Benson, 2nd, son of David Benson and Susan Sprague,
b. 1808, d. Dec. 25, 1842.

Married Julia Cook.

She was b. 1817, d. Dec. 22, 1844. Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

ONE CHILD.

1. Mary Benson.

Mary Benson Hall, daughter of David Benson and Julia Cook,
b. Aug.—, 1839.

Married Smith J. Hall.

d. April 8, 1915.

He died Feb. 22, 1903.

His occupation was railroading. They resided at Plattsburgh,
N. Y., but were buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

II.

JOSEPH BENSON, 1st.

Of Joseph Benson, one of the first settlers of South Dorset, the place, we have no record of land. He is mentioned in his "Early History of Vermont," published in 1834, as having been one of the "Pioneers of the State," and as having been in the U. S. Census of 1790.

It is probable that Joseph Benson also lived in what is now South Dorset, N. Y., and left many descendants there, was his son.

III.

JOSEPH BENSON, 2nd.

Joseph Benson, 2nd, whom we think was a son of Joseph the elder, was a resident in South Dorset.

b. 1772.

d. June 18, 1812.

His will is dated April 26, 1812.

He married Isaac-----.

She was b. Dec. 13, 1775, d. Oct. 23, 1829.

Buried at South Dorset, N. Y.

IV.

EIGHT CHILDREN.

1. Sarah Benson.
2. Daniel L. Benson.
3. Electy Benson, d. July 25, 1811, aged 14 years.
4. Hannah Benson, b. Nov. 1, 1800, d. Aug. 10, 1803.
5. Joseph Benson, 3rd.
6. Lucy Benson, b. 1805, d. June 10, 1852 (not married).
7. Ellis Benson.
8. Aaron Benson.

IV.

SARAH BENSON.

Sarah Benson, eldest daughter of Joseph Benson and Lucy——.
b. Oct. 23, 1786.

Married John Dutton, March 12, 1809, d. July 25, 1866.

Buried at South Dover, N. Y.

Date of the birth and marriage of Sarah Benson is recorded in an old Bible printed at Zehnburg in 1783, and now in the possession of her grand-son, Henry J. Houtcut, of Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

DANIEL L. BENSON.

Daniel L. Benson, son of Joseph Benson and Lucy——.

b. Sept. 1794.

d. Feb. 12, 1831.

Married Ruth Whiteley.

She was born——, 1797, d. May 29, 1871.

He lived near Webatuck, South Dover, N. Y.

Buried at South Dover, N. Y.

V.

ONE CHILD.

1. Willis Benson.

Willis Benson, son of Daniel L. Benson and Ruth Whiteley.

b. ——, 1826.

d. Sept. 23, 1880.

Married Mary Ann Dutcher, of South Dover, N. Y.

She was born——, 1820, d. April 9, 1902. *No issue.*

He resided on a farm near Webatuck, N. Y. Buried at South Dover, N. Y.

IV

JOSEPH BENSON, 3rd

Joseph Benson, 3d, son of Joseph Benson and Lucy ———

b. ———, 1802.

d. May 24, 1881.

Married Eunice Burton.

She was born ———, 1808, d. Sept. 15, 1883, aged 74 years. Both were buried at South Dover, N. Y. He resided on "Shield Mountain," in Connecticut.

V.

TWO CHILDREN

1. Ruth Ann Benson.

2. Lucy M. Benson.

V.

RUTH ANN BENSON.

Ruth Ann Benson Dunbar, daughter of Joseph Benson and Eunice Burton.

b. June 4, 1820.

Married George S. Dunbar, Jan. 1, 1852, d. Jan. 17, 1890.

He was born April 25, 1828, d. Dec. 4, 1908.

Buried in Ellsworth Conn. Cemetery.

V.

LUCY M. BENSON.

Lucy M. Benson Dutcher, Peek, daughter of Joseph Benson and Eunice Barton.

b. May 3, 1832.

Married 1st, Newton Dutcher, March 18, 1850.

Married 2nd, Watson W. Peek,——.

He was born March 30, 1834, d. March 29, 1874.

She d. May 29, 1914. Both she and her second husband resided at Torrington, Conn., and are buried there.

IV.

ELLIS BENSON.

Ellis Benson, son of Joseph Benson and Lucy——.

b.——, 1809, d. Aug. 1, 1861.

Married Ist, Judith Ann Whiteley.

She was b.——, 1807, d. Dec. 27, 1861.

Married 2nd, Eliza Haight.

She was b. 1842, d. Sept. 2, 1864.

They were buried at South Dover, N. Y.

Resided on the farm later owned by Ellis and W. Benson
Westport.

V.

THREE CHILDREN, the first when.

1. Ann Eliza Benson.

2. Ruth Amelia Benson.

3. Cordelia Benson, b.——, 1849, d. Jan. 28, 1862.

V.

ANN ELIZA BENSON.

Ann Eliza Benson Haight, daughter of Ellis Benson and Judith Ann Whiteley.

b.——, 1827, d. Aug. 20, 1881.

Married Henry G. Haight.

V.

RUTH AMELIA BENSON.

Ruth Amelia Benson Haight, daughter of Ellis Benson and Judith Ann Whiteley.

b.——, 1849, d. Dec. 23, 1878.

Married Henry G. Haight.

All of this family were buried at South Dover, N. Y.

Mr. Haight resided in the town of Arden, N. Y., and built the house where Emanuel C. Benson now lives about 1870. He conducted a meat market at Dover Plains, N. Y.

ANNE L. BENSON.

Anne Benson, sister of Joseph Benson, born Aug. 18, 1812.

b. 1812.

Married John Dufour. ---.

d. April 7, 1867.

She was born seven --- in 1812.

d. Jan. 8, 1812. --- No family.

They resided in the corner of the lot where the two other Bensons had been buried, but no record of their burial is given.

The records of the Society do not contain any further information because there is not one descendant of any of the individuals for whom information is given.

In addition to those of whom more or less detailed history is given, there is a stone in the cemetery there inscribed as follows: *son of John* and--- Elizabeth Benson, the first son of John and Mary.

Richard L. Atkinson, in the *Albion Democrat*, Nov. 24, April 24, 1874, mentions that the stone for the first son of John and Mary was signed, among others, by Lydia Benson, Hannah Benson, and Susanna Benson.⁹

II.

SAMUEL BENSON, 1st. —

Samuel Benson, another son of Joseph Benson, the Pioneer, as mentioned in his will, is said to have been born at Honsington, Rhode Island. Diligent research has failed to determine the dates of his birth and decease. It is known, however, that he was living at some time in 1814, because his son, Samuel, was named in that year, and the story is that he made him a wedding present of a bushel of rye, which Samuel then used for his fall sowing on the West Mountain farm, long known as the "Barker" place. According to a deed executed in 1816, the elder Samuel was not then living, for he had previously sold a part of his farm in the southern part of the town of Andover, N. Y., and which he purchased of Joseph Smith, to his son, John, who in turn sold it in 1816 to his brother Joshua, subject to the right of dower of Rachel Benson, the widow of Samuel. He married Rachel Darling of Meriden, Me., about 1789.

Samuel Benson served in the Revolutionary war as a member of the Sixty Regiment, Putnam County Militia, which is certified by J. A. Holden, State Librarian of New York, elsewhere in these records.

III.

SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Samuel Benson, 2nd.
2. Joshua Benson.
3. Peletiah Benson. (*No record*)
4. John Benson.
5. Philadelphia Benson.
6. Polly Benson.
7. Abigail Benson.

III.

SAMUEL BENSON, 2nd.

Samuel Benson, 2nd, son of Samuel Benson, 1st, and Rachel Darling.

b. at Amenia, N. Y., Jan.—, 1784.

d. July 21, 1861.

Married Sally Knapp, of Lisbon, Otsego County, N. Y., in 1814.

It is related that their marriage was a romantic one, the bride accompanying her husband to his home in Dutchess County, N. Y., on horse-back.

Sally was born 1796 and d. in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 29, 1867, aged 70 years and 9 months. They were buried in the Cemetery at Dover Plains, N. Y.

Samuel and Sally Benson married life on a farm located on the East Mountain, but some years afterwards purchased a farm in the valley in the town of Dover, N. Y., where he erected a substantial dwelling and where the remainder of his life was spent. This farm is now owned by Joseph Ryan, who married a daughter of Samuel.

IV.

ELEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Joseph H. Benson.
2. Samuel Knapp Benson.
3. John J. Benson.
4. James Van Ness Benson. b. 1817.
5. Joshua B. Benson. b. 1818.
6. Sally Jane Benson. b. 1819.
7. Adah H. Benson. b. 1820.
8. Ebenezer W. Benson. b. 1821.
9. Darius Sherman Benson. b. 1827.
10. Harriet M. Benson. b. 1828.
11. Charles N. Benson. b. 1829.

V.

JOSEPH HARRISON BENSON.

Joseph H. Benson, son of Samuel Benson and Elizabeth Knapp.

b. Sept. 8, 1815.

d. Dec. 24, 1891.

Married Helen S. Hall, 1835.

She was born March 31, 1810, d. Jan. 12, 1889.

Joseph H. Benson owned property in the town of Andover, N. Y., his homestead farm being the same as now occupied by his grandson, Dudley H. Benson.

V.

EIGHT CHILDREN.

1. Helen Lavinia Benson. b. Dec. 11, 1815, d. Nov. 19, 1854.

2. Frederick D. Benson. b. Jan. 9, 1818, d. May 7, 1873.

3. Mary E. Benson.

4. Matt Joseph Benson.

5. Franklin De Peyster Benson.

6. Augusta E. Benson.

7. John Homer Benson. b. March 31, 1858, d. March 14, 1862.

8. Ellen B. Benson.

V.

MARY E. BENSON.

Mary Benson Case, daughter of Joseph H. Benson and Helen S. Hall.

b. March 16, 1850.

Married Truman E. Case, Sept. 24, 1867.

He is a merchant, and they reside at 10 Renford Street, Norwich.

N. Y.

V.

PLATT JOSEPH BENSON.

Platt J. Benson, son of John Benson and Deborah Hall,
b. Andover, 1822.

Married Elizabeth Benson, b. Andover, 1824.

She was b. Oct. 18, 1824, in Andover, N. H.

Married 2nd, James Benson, b. Andover, 1825.

She was born about 1825, in Andover, N. H.

He is a farmer and resides on "Tower Hill," in the town of Andover,
N. Y.

VI.

Mrs. CHILDREN, by first wife.

1. Clarence Oakley Benson.

2. Sadie Estlin Benson.

3. Joseph Francis Benson, 2nd.

4. Helen Mary Benson.

5. Hedley William Benson.

6. Mho Benson, b. Dec. 17, 1884, d. April 18, 1887.

7. Anna Mary Benson.

8. Flora Dickerman Benson, b. June 8, 1891.

9. Flossie May Benson, b. Aug. 8, 1901.

The last two named are twin sisters. Flora is at home with her
father, and Flossie is a public school teacher.

VII.

CLARENCE OAKLEY BENSON.

Clarence O. Benson, son of Platt J. Benson and Flora Dickerman,
b. Jan. 31, 1877.

Married Inez F. Northrup, Oct. 6, 1897.

She was born April 24, 1878.

He is a teacher in the public schools.

Resides on "Tower Hill," in the town of Andover, N. Y.

VIII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Hazner Northrup Benson, b. Nov. 16, 1911.

VI.

SADIE ESTELLE BENSON.

Sadie E. Benson, daughter of Platt J. Benson and Flora Dickerman.

b. March 30, 1876.

d. Feb. 18, 1910 (unmarried).

She was a public school teacher.

VI.

JOSEPH HARRISON BENSON, 2nd.

Joseph H. Benson, 2nd, son of Platt J. Benson and Flora Dickerman.

b. April 8, 1878.

Married Alberta Corver, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, June—, 1912.

VI.

HELEN SOUTHWORTH BENSON.

Helen S. Benson, daughter of Platt J. Benson and Flora Dickerman.

b. Dec. 31, 1879.

She is a teacher of Domestic Science.

VI.

HADLEY HINMAN BENSON.

Hadley H. Benson, son of Platt J. Benson and Flora Dickerman.

b. April 25, 1882.

Resides on the homestead farm formerly his grandfather's, in the town of Amenia, N. Y.

He is a Justice of the Peace, and School Director.

VI.

ANNA MARY BENSON

Anna M. Benson, daughter of Edw. J. Benson and Clara Dickerson.

b. March 30, 1887.

She is a school teacher, having a position in one of the State Normal Schools.

V.

FRANKLIN DEWEES L. PEARSON, 1874.

Franklin D. Pearson, 1st, son of Deane H. Pearson and Helen Hall.

b. March 22, 1874.

Mother's name: Emma C. Pearson, daughter of E. V. and Mary May Gay, of Durham, N. H., b. Apr. 24, 1851.

She was born in New York.

He was a member of the Methodist Church of Dover, N. H.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Luther Joseph Pearson.
2. Priscilla C. Pearson, born in 1880.
3. Fannie Augusta Pearson, b. Oct. 4, 1884.

VI.

LUTHER JOSEPH BENSON.

Luther J. Benson, son of Franklin D. Benson and Carmel Gay,
b. Dec. 2, 1888.

Married Marian Gertrude Stewart, of Kent, Conn., June 16, 1911.
She was b. Nov. 14, 1892.

He is a graduate Veterinarian of Cornell University, and practices
his profession at Pawling, N. Y.

VI.

FRANKLIN DE PEYSTER BENSON, 2nd.

Franklin D. Benson, 2nd, son of Franklin D. Benson and Car-
mel Gay.

b. Aug. 12, 1896.

Married Ethel B. Corbin, of Pawling, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1912.

She was b. May 11, 1890.

He is a farmer and breeder of thoroughbred Holstein cattle, and
resides at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VII.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Ethel Blanche Benson, b. Dec. 16, 1913.

2. Franklin De Peyster Benson, 3rd, b. May 25, 1915.

THE HISTORY OF THE BENSON FAMILY

V.
 FLORENCE E. BENSON.

Daughter of Joseph Benson and Helen S. Hall.

b. Feb. 12, 1856.

Married Clarence A. Gable, Feb. 10, 1873.

He is a merchant, and they reside at 15 Bedford Street, Norwich, N. Y.

VI.
 ELLEN B. BENSON.

Ellen Benson Irish, daughter of Joseph B. Benson and Helen S. Hall.

b. April 25, 1850.

Married Fred M. Irish, Feb. 10, 1880.

d. Jan. 26, 1896.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.
 SAMUEL KNAPP BENSON.

Samuel K. Benson, son of Samuel Benson, 2nd, and Sally, wife.

b. June 18, 1817.

d. Sept. 8, 1888.

Married Ruth Ann Wheeler, June 29, 1844.

She was born N. Y. 17, 1747.

His occupation was farming in the southern part of the town of Amenia, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.
 SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Emily Rebecca Benson.
2. Anna Maria Benson.
3. Samuel Theodore Benson, b. July 10, 1849, d. Feb. 15, 1872.
4. Thomas Swift Benson.
5. William F. Benson.
6. Emmanuel Coriel Benson.
7. Frances Louise Benson.

VI.

EMILY REBECCA BENSON.

Emily R. Benson Schenckborn, daughter of Samuel K. Benson and Ruth Wheeler.

b. March 9, 1845.

d. Oct. 17, 1900.

Married John G. Schenckborn, July 12, 1862.

Home was in the town of Amenia, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

ANNA MARIA BENSON.

Anna M. Benson Jenkins, daughter of Samuel K. Benson and Ruth Wheeler.

b. Sept. 22, 1840.

d. Dec. 4, 1904.

Married Amos M. Jenkins, April 10, 1869.

Home was in Amenia, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

THOMAS SWIFT BENSON.

Thomas S. Benson, son of Samuel R. Benson and Ruth Ann Wheeler.

b. Oct. 5, 1851.

Married Sarah N. Morse, Oct. 15, 1878. (*No issue*)

Resides at the "Steel Works," town of Amenia, N. Y.

VI.

WILLIAM F. BENSON.

William F. Benson, son of Samuel K. Benson and Ruth Ann Wheeler.

b. Feb. 24, 1874.

d. Mar. 7, 1907.

Married Ida M. Wilson, Feb. 24, 1895.

She was born Aug. 7, 1873.

He resided on the homestead farm of his father in the town of Amenia, N. Y.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Nellie Louisa Benson, b. Feb. 17, 1904.

VI.

EMANUEL CORNEL BENSON.

Emanuel C. Benson, son of Samuel K. Benson and Ruth Ann Wheeler.

b. May 24, 1859.

Married Jennie E. Moore, Sept. 2, 1886.

She was born Sept. 24, 1844.

He is known as "Doctor" Benson and lives on a farm in the southern part of the town of Amenia, N. Y.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Lawrence E. Benson, b. Aug. 19, 1904.

VI.

FRANCES LOUISA BENSON.

Frances L. Benson Benson, daughter of Samuel K. Benson and Ruth Ann Wheeler.

b. March 3, 1859.

d. Sept. 24, 1906.

Married Platt J. Benson, Jan. 16, 1895.

Resided in Amenia, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

JOHN JACOB BENSON.

John J. Benson, son of Samuel Benson, 2nd, and Sady Knapp.
b. Oct. 2, 1810.

Married 1st, Margaret Irish, Feb. 12, 1830.

She was born ———, 1832.

d. ———, 1867.

Married 2nd, Charlotte Bates, Oct. —, 1871.

She was b. Nov. 8, 1830.

d. Oct. —, 1874.

He d. May 8, 1880.

He was a farmer, and resided in the town of Washington, N. Y.,
near "Little Rest."

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

THREE CHILDREN (by first wife).

1. Ovid P. Benson.
2. John J. Benson.
3. Hannah Benson, d. Nov. 2, 1880, aged 16 years.

VI.

OVID P. BENSON.

Ovid P. Benson, son of John J. Benson and Margaret Irish.
b. Aug. 22, 1853.

Married Martha Dutcher, Sept. 23, 1873.

She was born Oct. 30, 1850.

Resides on a farm in the town of Washington, N. Y.

VI.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Frederick Benson.
2. Ovid P. Benson, Jr., b. Nov. 8, 1890.

VI.

FREDERICK BENSON.

Frederick Benson, son of Ovid P. Benson and Martha Decher.
b. Aug. 13, 1878.

Married Hattie Suedeker, Nov. 3, 1903.

She was born June 6, 1876.

He died May 13, 1905.

Resided with his father in the town of Washington, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Paul Benson, b. Sept. 9, 1904.

V.

JOHN J. BENSON, 2nd.

John J. Benson, 2nd, son of John J. Benson and Margaret Irish.
b. Sept. 20, 1862 (unmarried).

Resides with his brother in the town of Washington, N. Y.

IV.

JAMES VAN NESS BENSON.

James V. Benson, son of Samuel L. Benson, Jr. and Sally Knapp,
b. April 20, 1834.

d. Jan. 2, 1892.

Married 1st, Marietta Hulcut, of Denmark, N. Y., on Feb. 23,
1854.

She was born April 23, 1832.

d. Oct. 3, 1872.

Married 2nd, Caroline Hulcut, of Denmark, N. Y., on Feb. 7,
1874.

She was born Sept. 24, 1840.

He is buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

SEVEN CHILDREN (by first wife).

1. Clark H. Benson.
2. George Van Ness Benson.
3. Martha Benson, b. Aug. 14, 1858, d. March 13, 1873.
4. Sarah Caroline Benson, b. Aug. 7, 1860, d. Sept. 25, 1869.
5. Caroline Louisa Benson, b. Oct. 5, 1862, d. May 15, 1873.
6. Mary Josephine Benson.
7. Harriet Maria Benson, b. July 13, 1874 (not married).

V.

CLARK H. BENSON.

Clark H. Benson, son of James V. Benson and Mariette Hufcut.
b. Dec. 25, 1854.

Mariette Nina Ozley, of Dighton, Kansas, Nov. 27, 1887.

She was born in Clermont Co., O., — —, 1863.

d. May 16, 1911.

He resides on the homestead farm of his father in the town of
Dover, N. Y.

VI.

SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Frederick Chester Benson, b. July 31, 1892.
2. Robert Ozley Benson, b. Sept. 13, 1893.
3. Jessie Gertrude Benson, b. Sept. 13, 1895.
4. Mortimer James Benson, b. June 4, 1897.
5. William Samuel Benson, b. March 29, 1899.
6. Clark Henry Benson, b. Dec. 14, 1901.
7. Martha Adella Benson, b. April 1, 1904.

V.

GEORGE VAN NESS BENSON.

George V. Benson, son of James V. Benson and Minnie L. Benson,
b. July 18, 1877.

Married Carrie E. Fry, N. Y., on Dec. 1.

She was born Feb. 2, 1874.

He is a retired farmer, and a farmer. Supervisor of the town of
Dover, residing at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

Two Children.

1. James Albert Benson.

2. Julia Caroline Benson, b. June 22, 1893.

VI.

JAMES ALBERT BENSON.

James A. Benson, son of George V. Benson and Carrie E. Fry,
b. April 2, 1893.

Married Lila Hines, on Dec. 1, 1913.

She was born Aug. 11, 1892.

He lives on his father's farm, Dover Plains, N. Y.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Lester Hines Benson, b. April 12, 1914.

He is a student at the University of Wisconsin.

V.

MARY JOSEPHINE BENSON.

Mary J. Benson Bird, daughter of James V. Benson and Marietta Hufent.

b. Feb. 28, 1867.

Married James Bird, Oct. 12, 1891.

They reside at Bradleyville, Conn.

V.

HORATIO SEYMOUR BENSON.

ONE CHILD, by second wife, of James V. Benson.

Horatio S. Benson, son of James V. Benson and Caroline Hufent.

b. Dec. 24, 1874.

Married Emma Frances Butts, Jan. 1, 1896.

She was born March 11, 1875.

He has taught for many years in the public schools, and was the first principal of the Union Free School at Dover Plains.

Resides at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

ONE CHILD.

1. Horatio Seymour Benson, Jr., b. May 15, 1913.

IV.

JOSHUA B. BENSON.

Joshua B. Benson son of Samuel Benson, col. and Sally Knapp.
b. July 2, 1826.

d. June 4, 1894.

Married Susan Tarpenning, Nov. —, 1862.

She was born May —, 1821.

He formerly lived on the farm in Dover, N. Y., now owned by James McCarthey.

V.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Mary Jane Benson.
2. Sarah Elizabeth Benson.
3. Alice Benson.

V.

MARY JANE BENSON.

Mary J. Benson Sturges, Litchenfeld, daughter of Joshua B. Benson and Susan Tarpenning.

b. April —, 1867.

Married 1st, Edward Sturges, June —, 1894.

He died —.

Married 2nd, ———Litchenfeld.

Resides in New York City.

V.

SARAH ELIZABETH BENSON.

Sarah E. Benson Weaver——daughter of Joshua B. Benson and Susan Tarpenning.

b. Jan. —, 1880.

d. March 17, 1903.

Married — Weaver, —, 1901.

Resided at Gaylordsville, Conn.

V.

ALICE BENSON.

Alice Benson Cypher, daughter of Joshua B. Benson and Susan Tatpenning.

b. June — —, 1885.

Married George Cypher, Feb. — —, 1907.

Resides at Mill Plain, Conn.

IV.

SARAH JANE BENSON.

Sarah Jane Benson Irish, daughter of Samuel Benson, 2nd, and Sally Knapp.

b. Dec. 11, 1829.

d. May 23, 1876.

Married Elias Irish, Feb. 18, 1857.

She was buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

ADAM H. BENSON.

Adam H. Benson Dutcher, daughter of Samuel Benson, 2nd, and Sally Knapp.

b. March 14, 1832.

d. March 3, 1903.

Married John G. Dutcher, Nov. 11, 1857.

He was b. — —, d. — —.

They were buried at South Dover, N. Y.

They resided on a farm near Webster, N. Y.

IV.

EBENEZER W. BENSON.

Ebenezer W. Benson, son of Samuel Benson, d. d., and Sally Knapp.
b. Nov. 19, 1831.

d. Feb. 27, 1908.

Married Emily Deuel,——.

She was born——, 1837.

d. Sept. 21, 1905.

He resided on a farm near Webster, South Dakota, N. D., formerly owned by Ellis Benson and is buried in a cemetery on the latter place.

V.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Jacob Benson, b. 1864, d. 1896.

2. Elsie Benson, b. 1897, d. 1897.

IV.

DARIUS S. JERMAN BENSON.

Darius S. Benson, son of Samuel Benson, d. d., and Sally Knapp.
b. Nov. 24, 1836.

Married Polly Jane Dutcher, April 1, 1865.

She was born Aug. 29, 1843.

d. April 25, 1902.

He resides in the town of America, N. Y., on the farm he purchased some years ago of the estate of John M. Swift, and which he later sold to his son, Ernest C. Benson.

V.

SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Myron D. Benson.

2. Charles H. Benson.

3. Samuel A. Benson.

4. Herbert Benson.

5. Carrie Amelia Benson.

6. George M. Benson.

7. Ernest C. Benson.

V.

MYRON D. BENSON.

Myron D. Benson, son of Darius S. Benson and Polly Jane Ditcher.

b. March 31, 1867.

d. Aug. 22, 1902.

Married Edna D. Deenon, April 11, 1888.

She was born at Kent, Conn., July 23, 1868.

She resides at Kent Plains, Conn.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Roland Garner Benson.

2. Howard Leroy Benson, b. July 17, 1892.

3. Kent Holt Benson, b. Nov. 6, 1896.

Howard L. is an engineer and resides at Derby, Conn.

VI.

ROLAND G. BENSON.

Roland G. Benson, son of Alfred D. Benson and Fida D. Benson.

b. Jan. 14, 1889.

Married Elsie T. Gardner, of Derby, Conn., May 5, 1916.

She was born Nov. 3, 1890.

His occupation is shoe maker, and his residence is at Derby, Conn.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Luella May Benson, b. March 21, 1913.

V.

CHARLES H. BENSON.

Charles H. Benson, son of Darius S. Benson and Polly Jane Dutcher.

b. Dec. 28, 1878.

Married Beretlice Yetter, Nov. 7, 1897.

She was born Sept. 1, 1878.

He resides at Wakesteer, Kentucky, where in 1915, he is serving his second term as County Clerk.

VI.

ONE CHILD.

1. Judd Benson, b. July 2, 1899.

V.

SAMUEL A. BENSON.

Samuel A. Benson, son of Darius S. Benson and Polly Jane Dutcher.

b. Oct. 23, 1879.

Married Ella Franks, Feb. 25, 1891.

She was born Feb. 7, 1871.

He is a farmer in the town of Ansonia, N. Y.

VI.

THE CHURCH.

1. Mary Jane Benson, b. Aug. 23, 1842; d. Nov. 2, 1905.
2. Samuel Morris Benson, b. Oct. 3, 1843; d. Sept. 2, 1894.
3. Levi Allen Benson, b. Oct. 3, 1845; d. Nov. 12, 1895.
4. Lewis Charles Benson, b. Oct. 10, 1846.
5. Berolice Marion Benson, b. Nov. 1, 1846.
6. Charles Joseph Benson, b. Jan. 3, 1847.
7. Leola Alice Benson, b. Jan. 10, 1848.
8. Florence Ellen Benson, b. Aug. 24, 1849.
9. Douglas William Benson, b. Nov. 13, 1850.
10. Myron Lewis Benson, b. Oct. 13, 1856.

11. Mrs. Elizabeth Benson, b. 1857; d. 1907; wife of Rev. Mr. Benson.

V.

HERBERT BENSON.

Herbert Benson, son of Darius S. Benson and Polly Jane Dutcher,
b. July 27, 1872.

Married Lenna Louella Anderson, Oct. 3, 1901.

She was born May 20, 1880.

Their residence is at Ogallah, Kansas.

VI.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Carl Benson, b. Feb. 6, 1903.

2. Lulu Benson, b. July 4, 1905.

V.

GARRIE AMELIA BENSON.

Carrie A. Benson Ryan, daughter of Darius S. Benson and Polly Jane Dutcher.

b. June 21, 1856.

d. Jan. 22, 1924.

Married Joseph Ryan, Feb. 19, 1902.

Resided on the home-land farm of her grandfather, Samuel Benson, in the town of Dover, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

GEORGE M. BENSON.

George M. Benson, son of Darius S. Benson and Polly Jane Dutcher.

b. July 8, 1877.

Married Inez Butts, July 4, 1902.

She was born Jan. 15, 1878.

He lives in Armenia, N. Y.

VI.

ONE CHILD.

1. Earl Stanley Benson, b. June 3, 1903.

V.

ERNEST C. BENSON.

Ernest C. Benson, son of Darius S. Benson and Polly Jane Ditcher.

b. May 8, 1854.

He owns the John M. Smith farm in the southern part of the town of Amenia, N. Y.

VI.

HARRIET M. BENSON.

Harriet M. Benson Ditcher, daughter of Samuel Benson, do. do. and Sally Knapp.

b. Dec. 24, 1838.

Married J. Van Ness Ditcher, April 18, 1861.

He was born Jan. 11, 1838.

d. Jan. 24, 1892.

He resided on a farm near Wingdale, south Dover, N. Y.

VII.

CHARLES N. BENSON.

Charles N. Benson, son of Samuel Benson, do. do. and Sally Knapp.

b. June 18, 1842.

d. March 14, 1899.

He was buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

III.

JOSHUA BENSON.

Joshua Benson, son of Samuel Benson, b. and d. Daniel Darling.

b. May 6, 1786.

d. Feb. 11, 1860.

Married Amanda Hopkins, of Warren, Conn., Aug. 26, 1817.

She was born Nov. 17, 1790.

a. July 31, 1873.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

He was born and lived on the homestead farm of his father, Samuel Benson, all his life—a peon on a really old place. The farm is in the southern part of the town of York, Va., N. Y., near the Dover line. At the present time it is owned by his grandson, Arthur T. Benson. His children are of the fifth generation in direct descent, to live there.

IV.

FOURTEEN CHILDREN.

(All of whom lived to more than years.)

1. Lodema Carlida Benson.
2. Henry Davis Benson.
3. George Stephen Benson.
4. Jacob Van Ness Benson.
5. Amanda Marietta Benson.
6. Polly Jennette Benson.
7. Zadie Jemima Benson.
8. Joshua De Wit Benson.
9. Rachel Ann Benson.
10. Sarah Cornelia Benson.
11. John Edwin Benson.
12. Maria Larcia Benson.
13. Theresa Amelia Benson.
14. Egbert Hopkins Benson.

III.

LODEMA COLEMAN BENSON.

Lodema C. Benson, daughter of Jacob C. Benson and Anna A. (Loda) Benson.

b. Feb. 14, 1878.

d. Dec. 28, 1899.

Married Milton Gray, Feb. 14, 1896.

Resided at Chapin, Franklin Co., Iowa.

IV.

HENRY DAVIS BENSON.

Henry D. Benson, son of Jacob C. Benson and Anna C. (Loda) Benson.

b. Feb. 2, 1829.

d. Oct. 24, 1896.

Married Annis E. Lewis, Aug. 31, 1844.

She was born Aug. 1, 1827, died Dec. 18, 1893.

They resided at Clinton, Iowa.

For more than a century and a half he was employed in the repair shops of the C. & N. W. R. R. Co. at Clinton, Iowa.

Buried at Clinton, Iowa.

V.

SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Florence Azatha Benson.

2. Abbe A. Benson.

3. Byron A. Benson.

4. Annis A. Benson.

5. Robert Henry Benson.

6. Emma E. Benson, b. April 17, 1863, died Dec. 18, 1893.

7. Festus Elvius Benson.

V. FLORENCE AGATHA BENSON.

Florence A. Benson Davis, daughter of Henry D. Benson and Annis E. Ferris.

b. May 15, 1853.

Married Charles L. Davis—, 1873.

He was born Norton, Ind.

d. Oct. 1, 1913.

He was a member of the drill team, having been an interpreter in the Navy. The two were married and lived at Chicago, Illinois, at Alhambra, Chicago, Pa., for thirty years, and was employed in the Money Order Department of the Chicago Postoffice.

V. ALICE A. BENSON.

Alice A. Benson Farr, daughter of Henry D. Benson and Annis E. Ferris.

b. Nov. 5, 1854.

Married William Farr—.

He died—.

She resides in the West.

V. BYRON A. BENSON.

Byron A. Benson, son of Henry D. Benson and Annis E. Ferris.

b. April 14, 1867.

Married Nellie A. Piel, Oct. 7, 1885.

She was born—.

No issue.

He is employed by the C. & N. W. R. R. Co., at Clinton, Iowa.

V. ANNIS A. BENSON.

Annis A. Benson Denning, daughter of Henry D. Benson and Annis E. Ferris.

b. Oct. 6, 1859.

Married Olin L. Denning, Oct. 6, 1885. Was born Sept. 4, 1866.

Residence, 16 Morningside Place, North Yonkers, N. Y. Mr.

Denning is associated with the American Can Co., in a responsible capacity.

V.

ROBERT HENRY BENSON.

Robert H. Benson, son of Henry D. Benson and Annis E. Ferris,
b. Dec. 17, 1892.

Married Jessie Burke, ———.

Resides at Clinton, Iowa.

Occupation, merchant.

VI.

FOUR CHILDREN.

1. George F. Benson, b. Feb. 13, 1894; d. Oct. 23, 1895.
2. Robert W. Benson, b. Aug. 17, 1896.
3. Florence J. Benson, b. May 31, 1898.
4. Eugene E. Benson, b. July 24, 1899.

V.

FEARUS HUGHES, JR., 8838

From E. Deane, son of Henry D. Deane and Annas F. Deane,
b. June 25, 1872.

Married Della Deane, June 27, 1901.

Age was born 29.

Residence, Clinton, Iowa.

Occupation, woodman.

VI.

SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Elsie Irene Deane, b. March 30, 1895.
2. George M. Deane, b. June 24, 1896, d. Oct. 29, 1906.
3. Orville M. Deane, b. Jan. 17, 1897.
4. Lyndon L. Deane, b. Nov. 11, 1900.
5. James Ryland Deane, b. Oct. 27, 1903.
6. Maynard C. Deane, b. May 11, 1906.
7. Virtus M. Deane, b. April 2, 1908.

IV.

GEORGE STEDDEN BENSON.

George Stedden Benson, son of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. Sept. 29, 1822.

d. April 11, 1847.

At the time of his death, he was a student at the Nine Partners Boarding school in the town of Washington, N. Y.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

JACOB VAN NESS BENSON.

J. Van Ness Benson, son of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. April 14, 1824.

d. July 24, 1890.

Married Frances J. Tompkins, Aug. 4, 1859.

She was born N. Y. 21, 1837.

In 1855 he purchased the homestead farm of his father in the town of America, N. Y., and spent the remainder of his life there.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Arthur Tompkins Benson.

2. Catherine Virginia Benson.

3. Walter Hopkins Benson.

V.

ARTHUR TOMPKINS BENSON.

Arthur T. Benson, son of J. Van Ness Benson and Frances J. Tompkins.

b. May 20, 1860.

Married Kate Clark Bartlett, at Peeds, Iowa, Oct. 7, 1890.

She was born at Southford, Conn., Dec. 21, 1867.

Resides on the homestead farm of his father, grandfather and great grandfather, in the southern part of the town of America, N. Y.

VII.

BEVERLY CLARKSON.

1. Marian Jermaine Benson, b. Sept. 29, 1891.
2. Rachel Thelma Benson, b. Oct. 13, 1892.
3. Frances McLeod Benson, b. Jan. 20, 1894.
4. James De Witt Benson, b. Jan. 29, 1896.
5. Arthur Duane Benson, b. Oct. 11, 1897.
6. Byron Melvin Benson, b. Dec. 23, 1899.
7. Ralph Lucius Benson, b. Jan. 13, 1906.

V.

CATHERINE ALMONDA W. BENSON.

Catherine A. Benson, daughter of J. Van Ness Benson and Frances J. Tompkins.

b. Aug. 14, 1874.

Married John D. Benson, April 11, 1895.

He was formerly a teacher.

Mr. Benson graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis for a four year term, the second year of Anders' military Academy. He served the war years of the Spanish-American War in the army of the United States. Subsequently he was appointed to the U. S. War College at Fort Monmouth, and later he became an instructor in the Trench Division of the N. Y. Central R. R., retiring some years ago to his farm at Dover Plains, N. Y.

V.

WALTER HOPKINS BENSON.

Walter H. Benson, son of J. Van Ness Benson and Frances J. Tompkins.

b. July 23, 1879.

Married Mary Bicelee, of Pawling, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1896.

She was born Oct. 24, 1879.

Resides at Chatham, N. Y.

Occupation engineer on Harlem Division of New York Central R. R. Co.

VI.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Walter Van Ness Benson, b. Jan. 31, 1894. He is a student, (1915) at Cornell University.
2. Frances May Benson, b. May 21, 1896.
3. Katherine Irene Benson, b. Dec. 19, 1906.

IV.

AMANDA MARIETTA BENSON.

Amanda M. Benson Darling, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. March 11, 1825.

d. Feb. 5, 1894.

Married Charles P. Darling, June 1, 1846.

Soon afterwards removed to Wisconsin, and subsequently to Teeds, Iowa, where they died and are buried.

IV.

POLLY JEANNETTE BENSON.

Polly J. Benson Dutcher, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. March 11, 1825.

d. Sept. 25, 1893.

Married William H. Dutcher, March 18, 1852.

He was b. April 29, 1837, d. May 13, 1904.

They resided at Dover Plains, N. Y., and are buried in the cemetery there.

IV.

ZADIE HELEN BENSON.

Zadie J. Benson, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. April 21, 1827.

d. March 23, 1890; not married.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

JOSHUA DE WITT BENSON.

Joshua D. Benson, son of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. April 21, 1829.

d. April 21, 1889.

Married Susan A. Bartlett, Dec. 2, 1870.

She was born Feb. 11, 1825. *See Vol. 1.*

Resided at Teeds, Iowa.

IV.

RACHEL ANN BENSON.

Rachel A. Benson, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. April 23, 1831.

d. March 2, 1864; not married.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

SARAH CORNELIA BENSON.

Sarah C. Benson Walker, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. May 13, 1833.

d. Feb. 1, 1869.

Married Henry Walker, —, 1858, at Elk River, Iowa.

She was buried at Teeds, Iowa.

JOHN LEVIN BENSON.

John L. Benson, son of Josiah Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. April 12, 1834.

Married Mary Ann Morgan, Nov. 11, 1859.

She was born Nov. 21, 1837.

d. March 10, 1895.

V.

Two Children.

1. Adeline Coraella Benson, b. Jan. 26, 1860, d. Oct. 17, 1891.

2. Annie Laurie Benson.

V.

ANNIE LAURIE BENSON.

Annie L. Benson Hutchingson, daughter of John L. Benson and Emily Engle.

b. Feb. 3, 1871.

Married Samuel Hutchingson, Oct. 14, 1894.

Mr. Hutchingson is a conductor in the passenger service of the N. Y. Central R. R. Co.

Resides at Chatham, N. Y.

IV.

MARIA LORENA BENSON.

Maria L. Benson Morgan, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. July 7, 1836.

d. April 29, 1895.

He was b. Sept. 14, 1832, d. Oct. 21, 1893.

Married Henry Morgan, May 28, 1858.

He died and was buried at Denver, Colo.

She was buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

THERESA ADELIA BENSON.

Theresa A. Benson Ryan, daughter of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. Sept. 19, 1878.

Married Robert Benson Ryan, April 14, 1904.

He was born July 28, 1857. (See page 10.)

He is a retired business man of White Plains, N. Y., where they reside at 31 Grand St.

V.

ONE CHILD.

1. Irving Benson Ryan, b. July 25, 1878, d. Aug. 29, 1907.
Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

EGBERT HOPEKINS BENSON.

Egbert H. Benson, son of Joshua Benson and Amanda Hopkins.

b. Feb. 26, 1842.

d. Feb. 2, 1914.

Married Sarah Hopkins, Aug. 31, 1872.

She was born Feb. 5, 1849.

Residence Rockford, Floyd Co., Iowa.

V.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Irving Hopkins Benson.
2. ——— (died in infancy) Aug. 27, 1873.

V.

IRVING HOPKINS BENSON.

Irving H. Benson, son of Egbert H. Benson and Sarah Hopkins.
b. —, 1873.

Married 1st, Fille Piel, of Clinton, Iowa, Dec. 13, 1895.

She was born Jan. 27, 1869, d. —.

Married 2nd, Agnesia Cynthia Prentice, of Walden, Ill., Sept.
19, 1914.

She was born Dec. 21, 1868, at Galesburg, Ill.

His occupation is City Collector of the Chicago & N. W. R. R.
Co., at Chicago, Ill.

Residence, 657 North Central Avenue, Austin, Ill.

VI.

ONE CHILD (by first marriage).

1. Egbert Hopkins Benson, 2nd, b. Dec. 16, 1896.

II.

JOHN BENSON, 1st.

John Benson, son of Jacob Benson the 1st, lived and died on a farm in the southern part of the town of Amenia, N. Y., near the Dover line. The farm is now owned by Edmund C. Benson. The original house was replaced about 1810 by a modern dwelling built by the late Henry G. Haight, who then resided there. The date of John Benson's birth can not be ascertained. His will is dated Amenia, N. Y., March 25, 1800, which corresponds to the date of his death.

Intention of marriage with Hannah, daughter of Henden, Mass., was registered in that place Nov. 28, 1790.

It is of record that he served in the 1st Dutchess County Militia in the Revolutionary war with his brother, Samuel.

He has left many descendants, most of them of his eldest son, Robert, who was twice married, and had 17 children.

III.

FIVE CHILDREN.

1. Robert Benson.
2. Hannah Benson.
3. Ruth Benson.
4. Jacob Benson.
5. Abigail Benson.

In his will John Benson bequeaths 20 pounds to a grand-daughter, Patty Marke. It would thus appear that he had another daughter in addition to those of record.

III.

ROBERT BENSON.

Robert Benson, son of John Benson, 1st, and Hannah Darling.

b. April 29, 1778.

d. Dec. 23, 1851.

Married 1st, Charlotte Ward, about 1797.

She was born Dec. 18, 1777.

d. July 25, 1823.

Married 2nd, Mary Jane Turner, Oct. 26, 1825.

She was born April 26, 1800.

d. Sept. 6, 1857, aged 57 years.

She is buried at Genoa Junction, Wisconsin.

Robert Benson resided at Singpak, in America. He and his first wife are buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

EIGHT CHILDREN (by first wife).

1. Mary Benson.
2. Hannah Benson.
3. John F. Benson.
4. Marjorie Benson.
5. Lavina Benson.
6. Schuyler W. Benson.
7. Sally Ann Benson.
8. Sherman Benson.

IV.

MARY BENSON.

Mary Benson Darling, daughter of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward.

b. Oct. 22, 1798.

Married Abner Darling, ———.

d. April 14, 1879.

He was born Feb. 12, 1796.

d. Sept. 12, 1875.

They lived in Iowa, and are buried at Teeds, Clinton County, in that State.

IV.

HANNAH BENSON.

Hannah Benson Ryan, daughter of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward.

b. July 2, 1801.

Married James Ryan, ———.

d. April 29, 1859.

He was born ———, 1792.

d. July 5, 1875.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

JOHN F. BENSON.

John F. Benson, son of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward.

b. April 2, 1804.

Married Lucy Lee.

d. July 9, 1848.

V.

SEVEN CHILDREN.

1. Elmer Benson.
2. Jane Ann Benson.
3. Sarah Benson (married George Davist).
4. Lyman Benson.
5. Robert Benson.
6. Amelia Benson.
7. Amanda Benson.

Of these we have very meagre records.

Jane Ann Benson married Robert H. Benson, July 4, 1848.

She died about 1860, and was buried at Clinton, Iowa. Robert Benson, a son of John F. died at Hebron, Ill. about 1912. He had three children, Mrs. Archie Lile, Hebron, Ill. Mrs. Gray, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Mrs. Gilbert.

V.

LYMAN BENSON.

Lyman Benson, son of John F. Benson and Lucy Lee.

b. ———, d. ———.

Married Hannah Lee.

She was born May 20, 1835.

d. Feb. 15, 1913.

They resided at Ottawa, Iowa.

VI.

FRED CAMPBELL.

1. John Benson (married Gay Snell).

2. Lucilla Benson.

3. Harriet Benson.

4. Elmer Benson.

IV.

MARJORIE BENSON.

Marjorie Benson, daughter of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward.

b. April 22, 1893.

Married——Wheeler,——.

d.——.

They resided in Pennsylvania.

IV.

LAVINA BENSON.

Lavina Benson Woolsey, daughter of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward.

b. Nov. 17, 1807.

Married—Woolsey—.

d. Aug. 25, 1833.

IV.

SCHUYLER WARD BENSON.

Schuyler W. Benson, son of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward.

b. Nov. 3, 1810.

Married 1st, Genette Hillard, Dec. 5, 1831, of Amenia Union, N. Y.

She was born, Sept. 17, 1811.

d. Aug. 29, 1877.

Buried at Genoa Junction, Wisconsin.

Married 2nd, Emma McKoy.

b. at Kent, Litchfield County, Conn., Aug. 24, 1828.

He died Dec. 29, 1884.

Buried at Genoa Junction, Wisconsin.

She was living in 1915 at Green Bay, Wis. He was a merchant.

V.

THREE CHILDREN (by first wife).

1. Charlotte Abiah Benson.
2. Eliza Jane Benson.
3. William Sanford Benson.

V.

CHARLOTTE ABIAH BENSON.

Charlotte A. Benson McCalvy, daughter of Schuyler W. Benson and Genette Hillard.

b. Dec. 17, 1832.

Married George W. McCalvy, Dec. 17, 1854.

d.—.

She is buried at Kansas City, Missouri.

V.

ELIZA JANE BENSON.

Eliza J. Benson Maine, daughter of Schuyler W. Benson and Gerette Hillard.

b. June 23, 1831.

Married D. B. Maine, June 6, 1852.

d. Nov. 28, 1876.

Buried at Genoa Junction, Wisconsin.

V.

WILLIAM SANFORD BENSON.

William S. Benson, son of Schuyler W. Benson and Gerette Hillard.

b. at Sharon, Conn., June 6, 1834.

Married Ellen Maria Dickinson, Nov. 24, 1859.

d. July 16, 1891.

She was born at Boston, Mass., July 15, 1811.

She died March 7, 1893.

They are buried at Genoa Junction, Wis.

He was a farmer, and afterwards a merchant.

VI.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. L. Jeannette Benson.

2. Charles Ward Benson.

VI.

L. JEANNETTE BENSON.

L. Jeannette Benson, daughter of William S. Benson, and Ellen M. Dickinson.

b. Nov. 2, 1867.

Unmarried.

Resides in Chicago, Ill.

Occupation,—— with Laird & Lee, publishers of Chicago.

VI.

CHARLES WARD BENSON.

Charles W. Benson, son of William S. Benson and Ellen M. Dickinson.

b. March 29, 1870.

Married Gertrude Decker, Dec. 3, 1893.

She was born at Frankfort, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1869.

They reside at Bridgeport, Conn.

He is a machinist.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Helen Margaret Benson.

b. at Pittsfield, Mass., Nov. 6, 1897.

IV.

SALLY ANN BENSON.

Sally A. Benson Tanner, daughter of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward.

b. Feb. 9, 1813.

Married Henry Tanner,——.

They lived somewhere in the West.

IV.

SHERMAN BENSON.

Sherman Benson, son of Robert Benson and Charlotte Ward,
b. Dec. 18, 1814.

Married Jane Shaw, of Columbia County, N. Y., Oct. 18, 1825.
d. about 1860.

She was born —.

d. July 21, 1898 at Loveland, Colorado.

V.

THREE CHILDREN.

1. Aaron Shaw Benson.
2. Shadrach S. Benson.
3. Schuyler E. Benson.

V.

AARON SHAW BENSON.

Aaron Shaw Benson, son of Sherman Benson and Jane Shaw,
b. June 19, 1837, at Sharon, Conn.

Married 1st, Eliza Clifton, of London, England, Feb. 2, 1857.
She was born Feb. 1, 1835.

d. Dec. 21, 1892.

Married 2nd, Marion Vanderburg, of Broome County, N. Y.,
May 2, 1894.

She was born Nov. 20, 1844.

He was for 27 years president of a bank at Loveland, Colo.

VI.

THREE CHILDREN (by first wife).

1. Perry C. Benson.
2. Mary J. Benson.
3. Charles S. Benson.

VI.

PERRY C. BENSON.

Perry C. Benson, son of Aaron S. Benson and Ella Cleghorn.
b. April 28, 1858.

Married Emma Helman, of Jones Co., Iowa.

VII.

FOUR CHILDREN.

1. William A. Benson.
2. Robert C. Benson.
3. Marion E. Benson.
4. Forrest P. Benson.

VII.

WILLIAM A. BENSON.

William A. Benson, son of Perry C. Benson and Emma Redman.
b.—.

Married Nora Grobe.

VIII.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Eugene Benson.
2. Agnes Benson.

VII.

ROBERT C. BENSON.

Robert C. Benson, son of Perry C. Benson and Emma Redman.
b.—.

Married May King, of Loveland, Colorado.

VIII.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Ralph Benson.
2. Pearl Benson.

VII.

MARION E. BENSON.

Marion E. Benson, daughter of Perry C. Benson and Emma Redman.
b.—.

b.—.

Married Clarence King, of Loveland, Colorado.

VII.

FORREST P. BENSON.

Forrest P. Benson, son of Perry C. Benson and Laura Redman.
b.-----.

Married Josephine Baumer, of Loveland, Colorado.

VI.

MARY J. BENSON.

Mary J. Benson, daughter of Aaron S. Benson and Eliza Coghorn.
b. Jan. 12, 1890.

Married James A. Lewis, at Golden, Colorado, Sept. 4, 1898.

VI.

CHARLES SHAW BENSON.

Charles Shaw Benson, son of Aaron S. Benson and Eliza Coghorn.
b. Feb. 28, 1862.

Married Nellie Herndon, of Jones Co., Iowa.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Lawrence Benson.

VI.

FOUR CHILDREN, by second wife of Aaron S. Benson.

1. Clarence V. Benson.
2. Velma V. Benson.
3. Franc V. Benson.
4. Aaron V. Benson.

VI.

CLARENCE V. BENSON.

Clarence V. Benson, son of Aaron S. Benson and Marion Vanderburg.

b. Sept. 27, 1868.

Married Lucy Bell, at Fort Collins, Colorado, Nov. 29, 1893.

He is County Judge of Larimer County, Colo.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Laneta Benson.

VI.

VELMA V. BENSON.

Velma V. Benson, daughter of Aaron S. Benson and Marion Vanderburg.

b. July 26, 1874.

Married Alfred Beck, of Loveland, Colo., Dec. 30, 1891.

VI.

FRANC V. BENSON.

Franc V. Benson, daughter of Aaron S. Benson and Marion Vanderburg.

b. Dec. 28, 1876.

Married James Irvin Lanham, of Loveland, Colo., Dec. 23, 1901.

VI.

AARON V. BENSON.

Aaron V. Benson, son of Aaron S. Benson and Marion Vanderburg.

b. Dec. 23, 1878.

Married Nellie E. Rozelle, Aug. 30, 1905, at Loveland, Colo.

He is cashier of a bank at Loveland, Colo.

VII.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Ada Marion Benson.
2. Lucille G. Benson.

V.

SHADRACH S. BENSON.

Shadrach S. Benson, son of Sherman Benson and Jane Snow.

b. April 20, 1841, at Union Vale, N. Y.

He enlisted in the Union Army in the Civil War in 1861, and died in September, 1861.

V.

SCHUYLER P. BENSON.

Schuyler P. Benson, son of Sherman Benson and Jane Shaw.

b. Sept. 27, 1844, in Dutchess Co., N. Y.

Married Clara Raser, of Fairport, N. Y. Nov.—1864.

VI.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Grant Benson (married and has two children).
2. Marion Benson (married and has two children).
Residence not known.

IV.

NINE CHILDREN (by second wife of Robert Benson).

1. Charlotte J. Benson.
2. Robert H. Benson.
3. Jacob Newton Benson.
4. Frances Eliza Benson.
5. Catherine T. Benson.
6. Sarah Benson.
7. Bryant Steven Benson.
8. Martin Van Buren Benson.
9. Myra A. Benson.

IV.

CHARLOTTE J. BENSON.

Charlotte Benson Darling, daughter of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.

b. Aug. 23, 1844.

Married William R. Darling, Aug. 4, 1852.

d. Oct. 6, 1857, and was buried at Geneva Junction, Wis.

He d.—, 1861, and was bur. at Teeds, Iowa.

IV.

ROBERT HENRY BENSON.

Robert H. Benson, son of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.
b. July 16, 1846.

Married Jane Ann Benson, July 4, 1848.

d. in 1896.

She died in 1897.

Resided at Clinton, Iowa.

Occupation, Superintendent of Repair Shops of the C. & N. W.
R. R. Company.

V.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Robert Benson died in infancy, March 21, 1850.

2. Kate Benson.

V.

KATE BENSON.

Kate Benson Snell, daughter of Robert H. Benson and Jane Ann Benson.

b.——.

Married George Snell,——.

d.——.

IV.

JACOB NEWTON BENSON.

Jacob N. Benson, son of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.
b. Sept. 3, 1848.

Married Charlotte Louisa Hall, Oct. 9, 1853.

d. April 24, 1902.

She was born March 5, 1831.

He resided at Sharon, Conn.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

Occupation, commission merchant.

V.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Walter N. Benson.

2. Miles H. Benson.

V.

WALTER N. BENSON.

Walter N. Benson, son of Jacob N. Benson and Charlotte L. Hall.
b. Oct. 18, 1859.

d. June 8, 1909.

Married 1st, Sarah Palmatier, —, 1874.

Married 2nd, Harriet C. Lockwood, of Sharon, Conn., Feb. 16,
1881.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

VI.

ONE CHILD (by second marriage).

1. Lewis Jacob Benson.

Lewis Jacob Benson, son of Walter N. Benson and Harriet C.
Lockwood.

b. Sept. 15, 1883.

Married Clara H. Lumb, of Seymour, Conn. —.

She was born April 9, 1855.

They reside at Seymour, Conn.

VII.

ONE CHILD.

1. Florence H. Benson, b. March 23, 1911.

V.

MILES H. BENSON.

Miles H. Benson, son of Jacob N. Benson and Charlotte L. Hall.
b. Aug. 22, 1867. Unmarried.

Resides at Sharon, Conn.

Occupation, electrician.

IV.

FRANCES EMMA BENSON.

Frances E. Benson Andrews, daughter of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.

b. June 6, 1841.

Married William H. Andrews, Feb. 12, 1851.

d. March 17, 1910.

He was born Sept. 13, 1847.

d. March 21, 1901.

They resided at Great Barrington, Mass.

Buried at Hillsdale, Columbia County, N. Y.

IV.

CATHERINE T. BENSON.

Catherine T. Benson, daughter of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.

b. July 21, 1833.

d. Jan. 8, 1855 (unmarried).

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

SARAH J. BENSON.

Sarah Benson Robinson, daughter of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.

b. Nov. 8, 1835.

Married Martin Robinson, Nov. 28, 1854.

d. April 11, 1911.

He was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., June 15, 1823.

d. June 21, 1884. Buried at Richmond, Ill.

IV.

BRYANT STEVEN BENSON.

Bryant Steven Benson, son of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.

b. April 21, 1838. (Died Nov. 1, 1857).

Married 1st, Emma L. Avery,——.

She was born——.

d. April 7, 1878.

Married 2nd, Mary Adelaide Shuey, Mar. 23, 1889.

She was born May 3, 1853.

He is a farmer and resides at Genoa Junction, Walworth County, Wisconsin.

V.

Two CHILDREN by first wife.

1. Florence Myra Benson.
2. George Tanner Benson.

V.

FLORENCE MYRA BENSON.

Florence Myra Benson Conklin, daughter of Bryant S. Benson and Emma L. Avery.

b. Oct. 14, 1867.

Married Elbert Conklin—, 1885.

d. Aug. 14, 1894.

V.

GEORGE TANNER BENSON.

George T. Benson, son of Bryant S. Benson and Emma L. Avery.

b. Oct. 9, 1871.

Married Nina K. Shaw, Oct.—, 1893.

No issue.

V.

Two CHILDREN by second wife of Bryant S. Benson.

1. Bryant Shuey Benson.
2. Nina Lucia Benson.

b. Aug. 7, 1888 (unmarried).

V.

BRYANT SHUEY BENSON.

Bryant Shuey Benson, son of Bryant S. Benson and Mary Adelaide Shuey.

b. April 7, 1882.

Married Mary E. Bacon, June 27, 1907.

They reside at Bristol, Wisconsin.

VI.

TWO CHILDREN.

1. Bryant Bacon Benson, b. Oct. 7, 1909.
2. William George Benson, b. Oct. 11, 1912.

IV.

MARTIN VAN BUREN BENSON.

Martin V. B. Benson, son of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.

b. Oct. 2, 1840.

Married Anna Sophia Chappell, Jan. 25, 1867.

She was born March 1, 1839.

They reside at Denver, Colorado.

Occupation, State Agent and Adjuster for the Insurance Co. of North America.

V.

FOUR CHILDREN.

1. Helen Benson, b. June —, 1868 at Green Bay, Wis., d. — 1871.
2. Mary Eva Benson, b. Oct. 3, 1875, at Green Bay, Wis.
3. Paul B. Benson, b. May 17, 1874, at Denver, Colo., d. April —, 1913.
4. D. Elbert Chappell Benson, b. Dec. 1, 1885, at Pueblo, Colo.

IV.

MYRA A. BENSON

Myra A. Benson Mead, daughter of Robert Benson and Mary Jane Tanner.

b. Nov. 6, 1844.

Married I. N. Mead, —.

d. Dec. 6, 1906.

Resided at Janesville, Wisconsin.

III.

JACOB BENSON.

Jacob Benson, son of John Benson, 1st, and Hannah Darling.

b. June 2, 1786.

Married Polly Hopkins, of Warren, Conn. in 1807.

she was born July 30, 1789.

d. March 30, 1874.

He resided in the town of Amenia, N. Y., part of his farm being in Dover, and part in Amenia. His house was burned in March or April, 1864, and he died soon afterwards.

The farm is now owned by Wright P. Tabor. Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

IV.

ONE CHILD.

1. Miles Hopkins Benson.

Miles H. Benson, son of Jacob Benson and Polly Hopkins.

b. July 17, 1808.

d. March 29, 1857. unmarried.

Miles Benson seems to have been a sort of "Boon Brummie," as his contemporaries speak of him as a leader in the social life of the community, and of his popularity, among the young people. He resided with his parents in the town of Amenia. Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

III.

HANNAH BENSON.

Hannah Benson Hufcut, daughter of John Benson, 1st, and Hannah Darling.

b. Aug. 16, 1780.

Married George Hufcut,-----.

d. May 2, 1848.

She was the mother of "Squire" Hufcut, and grandmother of Horace D. and Henry J. Hufcut, of Dover Plains, N. Y. Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

III.

RUTH BENSON.

Ruth Benson Dutcher, daughter of John Benson, 1st, and Hannah Darling, and twin sister of Hannah Benson Hufcut.

b. Aug. 16, 1786.

Married Cornelius Dutcher.

d. Nov. 21, 1862, buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

Some of her grandchildren are John Dutcher, Miss Annelia Dutcher, Mrs. Ruth A. Proper, Mrs. John D. Cameron, Mrs. W. J. White, Milton K. Rodgers, Mrs. Augusta K. N. Kendall, Mrs. Mary B. Tompkins, Mrs. Theresa Bremmeline and Enoch Dutcher.

III.

ABIGAIL BENSON.

Abigail Benson Soule, daughter of John Benson, 1st, and Hannah Darling.

b. Dec. 24, 1788.

Married Henry Soule, ———, 1804.

d. Dec. 24, 1860.

Buried at Dover Plains, N. Y.

In 1915 her daughter, Mrs. Maria Dutcher, of Sharon, Conn., was living, at the age of 92 years.

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III.

JOHN BENSON 2nd.

John Benson, 2nd, son of Samuel Benson, 1st, and Rachel Darling, was born in America, N. Y. in 1794. When about 21 years of age he went to the town of "Butternuts," Otsego County, where he died March 11, 1841. He married Polly Burd, who was born in 1790 and died April 29, 1881. They were buried at Catskillville, N. Y.

VI.

EIGHT CHILDREN.

1. Berthana Benson, b. May 27, 1824
2. John Benson, Jr., b. Feb. —, to 3, d. Sept. 20, 1830.
3. Polly Jane Benson, b. July 1, 1841
4. Richard Delarr Benson, b. Dec. 25, 1840
5. Rachel Benson, b. April 3, 1840.
6. Maria Henrietta Benson, b. July 25, 1838.
7. Sarah Jeannette Benson, b. July 10, 1837.
8. Annette Polly Benson, b. Sept. 27, 1846, d. June 22, 1858.

All these are deceased except Sarah J., who married "Doc" Mulkins, and resides at Laurens, Otsego County, N. Y.

III.

PHILADELPHIA BENSON.

Philadelphia, or "Phila", Benson Cooper, daughter of Samuel Benson, 1st, and Rachel Darling.

b. April —, 1792, in America, N. Y.

Married Preserved Cooper of America, N. Y. Her declining years were spent with her daughter, Mrs. Marshall Odell, at Peoria, Ill., where she died Sept. 6, 1876.

III.

POLLY BENSON.

Polly Benson Wheeler, daughter of Samuel Benson, 1st, and Rachel Darling.

b. ~~about 1790~~ in America, N. Y. *1791* *1792*

Married ~~John~~ *Preserved* ~~Wheeler~~ *Cooper* ~~1814~~ *1815*

Went to "The Butternuts" Otsego County, N. Y. to live.

d. —, 1877

Survived at Catskillville, N. Y. 100 years

III.

ABIGAIL BENSON.

Abigail Benson Bard, daughter of Samuel Benson, 1st, and Rachel Derling.

b. August 1799, in Andover, N. Y.

Married Price Peck Garret. He was born in 1804, d. April 1, 1888.

She d. Dec. 12, 1889. Buried at Garrattsville, N. Y.

SOME BENSONS WHOSE LINAGE CANNOT BE TRACED.

AMBROSE BENSON.

The name of Ambrose Benson appears in the Census of 1790 as a resident of Pawlingtown. The town of Dover, formerly a part of Pawlingtown, was not organized until Feb. 21, 1875. Ambrose Benson was probably related to the early members of this family then living here. His will is dated Oct. 20, 1794. He mentions his wife, Pudence Benson, daughter, Mary Matlock, and grandsons, Joseph Clear, Ambrose Benson Simpson, and Leary Lyman Matlock.

In the cemetery at Dover Plains there is a stone bearing the inscription, "John Benson, b. 1767, d. March 31, 1835."

Also another stone adjoining that of John Benson's inscribed, "Benjamin Benson, b. 1786, d. Jan. 24, 1838."

IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Records of those who served in the Revolutionary war are meager and incomplete in respect to details of enlistment and discharge.

The author of the "Early History of Amenia" says, "There were undoubtedly a large number of privates who went into the service from Amenia whose names cannot be given, as there are no records within reach of the compiler, and he is obliged to draw only from tradition, and the very meager records of family history."

The following authentic statement refers to Samuel Benson, of Amenia, N. Y., one of the sons of Jacob Benson, the pioneer.

"The name of Samuel Benson appears as a private in the list of Dutchess County Militia (Land Bounty Rights), Sixth Regiment, to be found in 'New York in The Revolution,' by James A. Roberts, Albany, 1898. Page 247."

J. A. HOLDEN,

Albany, N. Y.

State Librarian.

In addition to the above, John Benson of Amenia, N. Y., was also in the Sixth Dutchess County Militia, and William Benson was in the Third Militia.

John Benson of Amenia, N. Y., was in the "Levies," (Continental Army).

It must be remembered that there were very few Romans here at this period. When the war broke out, but little more than thirty years had elapsed since the coming of Jacob and his sons, of whom three have been recorded as patriots.

As an historical incident which will no doubt be interesting to members of our family we insert here the "Revolutionary Pledge."

THE REVOLUTIONARY PLEDGE.

On April 20, 1775, a few days after the battle of Lexington, an Association was formed in New York County, and a "Pledge" adopted, the purpose of which was, as stated by Hesketh, in his History of Dutchess County, 1896, "to bring the people up to the point of associated effort, and had no direct reference to an appeal to arms and separation from the English government."

The "Pledge" reads:

"Persuaded that the salvation of the rights and liberties of America depend, under God, on the firm union of its inhabitants in a vigorous prosecution of the measures necessary for its safety, and convinced of the necessity of preventing anarchy and confusion which attend a dissolution of the powers of government. We, the Freemen, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of Dutchess being greatly alarmed at the avowed design of the Ministry to raise a revenue in America, and shocked by the bloody scene now acting in Massachusetts Bay, do, in the most solemn manner resolve never to become slaves, and do associate under all the ties of religion, honor, and love to our country, to adopt and endeavor to carry into execution whatsoever measures may be recommended by the Continental Congress, or resolved upon by our Provincial Convention, for the purpose of preserving our Constitution and of opposing the several arbitrary acts of the British Parliament, until a reconciliation between Great Britain and America, on constitutional principles (which we most ardently desire) can be obtained, and that we will in all things follow the advice of our General Committee respecting the purposes aforesaid, the preservation of peace and good order and the safety of individuals and property."

Mr. Reed says in his "Early History of America", that there were 435 signers to this "Pledge" in America, and only six refused or delayed to sign. In the list he gives, the names of Joseph and John Benson appear as signers.

EXTRACTS FROM "THE EARLY HISTORY OF AMENIA,"
1875, BY NEWTON CROD.

AMENIA "PRÆCINCT."

The "Præcinct" of Amenia was formed by an act of the Colonists Legislature, March 29, 1792. It was originally laid out as the seat of one of the "towns" of Amenia, which was done in March 17, 1788, and continued the same till March 30, 1834, when the towns of Amenia and Nordwast were reorganized as to change the boundary between them as it is at present.

The name *præcinct* was first used about the time of the organization of the Præcinct, and gives its origin to Dr. Thomas Young, a learned gentleman who resided several years at Amenia Village.

Hon. Robert Benson, in a *Memoir*, read before the N. Y. Historical Society, on Feb. 28, 1831, Collection, Vol. II., in 1846, says "Verment—*Groen-Montagne*—and the town of Amenia—*præcinct*—owe their names to the favour of Young, the poet, friend of the Americans, and not the English Young. He had a peculiar facility in making English words from Latin ones."

ASPECT OF THE COUNTRY.

"There was not an unbroken forest here when the first settlers came; as the days of the Indians, in these parts of the country, had destroyed the timber on the edge lands, except a few large specimens of oak, white wood, and white elm, some of which attained great size.

On the plains there were scattered shrub oaks, which had sprung up after the fires, and by the creeks and in valleys, there were hickories, butternut and black ash trees; and all the streams were overhung with a mass of alders and willows. . . . The mountains, being burned over by the Indians, were so bare, that the wild deer were plainly seen from the valleys below.

At this early period there were a few scattered remnants of the Pequot Indians, who had their hunting grounds up and down the valleys.

There were a few Indian wigwams near the outlet of Swift's Pond."

"While Richard Sackett, the pioneer settler of Amenia town, previous to 1711, there was not another white family in the County nearer than Poughkeepsie, and the whole population of Dutchess County, thus including Putnam, was only about 400. From 1740 to 1750 the immigration from New England was evidently heavy. The price of land then was a dollar and a half per acre. In 1790 it was about two dollars and a half per acre. The population of Amenia in 1790 was 3,058.

The price of wheat in 1775 was five shillings a bushel and that was the price of a day's work in harvesting. Labor was ten pence per pound. The wages of a skilled mill or housework or spinning was five shillings a week. There were not servants as a class, but were many of them equal in social position to their employers.

Joseph Benson was an early resident of the south part of the town where the family have remained in considerable numbers."

IN THE FIRST UNITED STATES CENSUS, 1790, EASTERN DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK.

First Column indicates free males over 16 years of age.

Second Column, those under 16 years.

Third Column, females.

Ambrose Benson, Pawlingtown.....	2	—	2	—	2
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Jacob Benson, Jr., Pawlingtown.....	1	—	1	—	2
John Benson, Jr., Pawlingtown.....	1	—	1	—	3
Joseph Benson, Pawlingtown.....	2	—	1	—	2
John Benson, Amenia.....	3	—	2	—	5
Samuel Benson, Amenia.....	1	—	8	—	2
Elisha Benson, Clinton.....	1	—	2	—	2

The Dutch family of Bensons in the Western part of Dutchess County numbered 13 heads of families in the State, of whom 10 had slaves—32 in all.

Judge Ezbert Benson of Red Hook owned one slave.

BENSON FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1914, there was a meeting of the Association at the home of Mrs. Carmel G. Benson, in Pleasant Plains, N. Y. Association of the Benson Family in the Pleasant Valley.

On that day a day held before the Annual Convention and it was decided to meet at the home of some member on an appointed day in each succeeding year.

There were about 75 members of the family present on this occasion, besides a number of invited guests including Rev. Harry Winton, pastor of the Baptist Church in Pleasant Plains, and of Mr. Richard H. Ward, Matthews, Mrs. William Shugart, of Olathe, Kansas, Mr. Harmon Stewart, of Portland, N. Y., and others.

Dinner was served in the lawn at noon, after which short addresses were made by Rev. Harry Winton, Mrs. Augustine Kennedy of Pleasant Valley, Mrs. Harriet M. Dutcher, Mrs. John Dutcher, Mrs. Horatio S. Benson, Henry J. Rulent and Arthur T. Benson.

Officers of the Association elected for the first year were:

President—Arthur T. Benson.

Vice-President—Mrs. Carmel G. Benson.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Horatio S. Benson.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Clarence G. Benson, Elmer Dutcher, Mrs.

Emanuel C. Benson, Fred M. Irish.

Mrs. George V. Benson.

Mascot—Ethel Blanche Benson.

The following named were registered:

Mrs. Carmel G. Benson, Mrs. Caroline Benson, Mrs. Frances J. Benson, Darinus S. Benson, Mrs. Harriet M. Dutcher, Mrs. Adaline Benson, Platt J. Benson, Clark H. Benson, George V. Benson, Arthur T. Benson, Fred M. Irish, Walter H. Benson, Mrs. Katherine A. Dutcher, Hattie M. Benson, Mortimer L. Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Benson, Bernice Benson, Lucina Benson, Harold Benson, Elvenger Benson, Darinus S. Benson, 2nd, Myron E. Benson, Mrs. Emanuel C. Benson, Lawrence E. Benson, James A. Benson, Mrs. James A. Benson, Mortimer Benson,

Adaline E. Fox, Martha Benson, Harzey Ryan, Dr. Luther J. Benson, Mrs. L. J. Benson, Joseph Ryan, Harry S. Dutcher, Ethel Dutcher Cutler, Francis N. Cutler, Elmer W. Dutcher, William S. Benson, John Dutcher, Clarence O. Benson, Jessie G. Benson, Rachel E. Benson, Mabel C. Dutcher, Anna M. Benson, Flora D. Benson, Prof. and Mrs. Bayard Matthews, Mildred Benson, Frances M. Benson, Helen Irish, Mrs. Walter H. Benson, Laura M. Bird, Marian J. Benson, Walter V. Benson, Mrs. William Sharpe, Mrs. Arthur T. Benson, Mrs. George V. Benson, Mrs. John V. Cutler, Julia C. Benson, Ida M. Rumph, Mrs. George B. Cutler, Mrs. Elmer W. Dutcher, Mrs. Frank D. Benson, Mrs. Mary B. Tompkins, Mrs. Ruth A. R. N. Kenawill, James Kenwill, Fydelia B. Irish, Clark H. Benson, Jr., Edward Ryan, Katherine Benson, Fannie A. Benson, Emma F. Benson, Ethel Blanche Benson, Rev. Hugh Winton, Mrs. Hugh Winton, Hugh Winton, Jr., Ralph L. Benson.

THE OLD PINE TREE.

When Joshua Benson, son of Samuel, 1st, and grandson of Jacob, the pioneer, was a lad of fourteen he transplanted a pine sapling in the door yard of his home. This was about 1890.

The tree was standing in 1915 but showing advanced signs of decay. It was the largest of its kind in the vicinity; was recognized as a land-mark, and was revered for the associations of a century and more, not alone by the immediate family of the one who planted it, but by the entire neighborhood, as well.

One of Joshua's sons who succeeded him on the old homestead, was in later years inspired by the muse to write the following verses in review of the passing scenes and incidents in his domestic life of so many and fruitful years:

THE OLD PINE TREE.

By J. VAN NESS BENSON.

In yonder grove, beneath forest trees,
I have been told in years long since
Deep in a gorge, without a breck,
There sprang a young and tender Pine.

Young Joshua, then just in his teens,
Reving the giant oaks among,
By chance espied this evergreen—
The burden of my theme and song.

With careful hand and patient toil,
Uprooted from his native loam,
Transplanted in more genial soil
Close by the old, ancestral home,

The sapling grew as years passed on,
And cast a broad and cooling shade,
Where Pell and Sam, and Josh and John,
And Abigail and Polly played.

Aunt Rachel there with matron's pride,
Enrobed in petticoat and gown,
With Uncle Samuel by her side,
Was pleased to see the mirth go round.

The love of sports in youth displayed,
Precedes more sober scenes of life,
Young Joshua wooed a Yankee maid,
And brought her home, his happy wife.

No sentimental bridal tour
For this young rustic bride and groom,
The dearest spot—his Pine-tree bower,
For them to pass their honeymoon.

To labor then, through woe or weal,
He fed his flocks and tilled the soil,
Her hands prepared their frugal meal,
Her spinning wheel the hours beguiled.

Succeeding years their cares increased
And fourteen children blessed their home,
In home-spun garments neatly dressed,
Their joy, their hope, in times to come.

When bowed beneath the weight of years,
Still lingering on the verge of time,
They oft were seen in old arm chairs
Upon the green, beneath the Pine.

For them, no more it casts its shade,
For them, no more it turns the Spring,
Each to their rest forever laid,
Its swaying boughs their requiems sing.

May yet, for many years to come,
Thy boughs still wave, old tree sublime,
Firm rooted here, in this old home,
A land-mark on the shores of time.

Through Winter's cold and Summer's heat,
They hand in hand, serene and hale,
Trod duty's paths with willing feet,
Along through life's sequestered vale.

POST-OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES NAMED BENSON.

Benson, Alabama.
Benson, Arizona.
Benson, Kentucky.
Benson, Louisiana.
Benson, Maryland.
Benson, Minnesota.
Benson, Nebraska.
Benson, New Mexico.
Benson, New York.
Benson, North Carolina.
Benson, Vermont.
Benson Center, New York.
Benson Mines, New York.
Benson Landing, Vermont.

INCIDENT AND ANECDOTE.

Away back in early times after the white settlers began to be established in the O'long Valley, roving bands of Indians would appear at times, set up their wigwams, hunt and fish, and perhaps, trade a little with the inhabitants. They are said to have belonged to the Pequet tribe in New England.

There is a tradition that no less than six of them returned no more to the land of their fathers, having had a "little difference" with the settlers in America, on one of their excursions, which culminated in their slaughter. It is said that all six were buried in one grave at the foot of "Cedar Hill," on the west side, and at a point nearly opposite the residence of Frank Jenkins.

But it must not be inferred from this incident that there was ever much trouble in the Nine Partners district between the settlers and the Indians. There was not. While block houses and other means of defense were common as near by as Litchfield, Conn., amicable relations were the rule here, owing in great part it is said, to the influence of Mr. Winegar, one of the America pioneers.

It is related that an Indian one winter lived in a wigwam near the "Fuller" spring (on the farm of the late William F. Benson), and took care of some cattle that "Uncle" David Benson had in winter quarters there. That must have been more than 100 years ago.

The writer remembers having seen a camp of squaws from the Schaghticoke reservation south of Kent, Conn., near the highway by the "Roaring Brook,"—so called because at times of high water its descent along the precipitous slopes of the East Mountain, makes an uproar akin to Niagara.

Those squaws used to weave baskets both plain and fancy, designed for hard usage about the farm, as well as for the more careful handling accorded the housewives' receptacles of sundry articles of utility.

They accepted in payment such commodities as salt, pork, flour, and wearing apparel. Some of their baskets were dyed in attractive patterns of bright colors—which have never faded. Some of them are in use at the present day.

In addition to this accomplishment in basket making, some of the squaws were wise in medical lore. They knew the virtues of

roots and herbs, and were not slow in ways and means of first aid to those afflicted by disease or injury. Their advice and treatment was in frequent demand in those times, and some of their remedies are now in use.

"UNCLE" DAVID BENSON AND THE INDIANS.

"Uncle" David Benson (1772-1857), lived on the farm in the southern part of Amenia, N. Y., now in the possession of Thomas S. Benson. For some years this farm was occupied by George W. Chapman. One hundred or more years ago a band of Indians camped on his farm for a while, and members of his family made the discovery that they had in their possession some copper utensils, which fact inspired a covetous feeling within the Benson breasts.

Accordingly they sent a deo executive session, with "Uncle" David as chief adviser, and it being pork-killing time he suggested to the boys that negotiations for the copper ware be opened by a proposal to exchange a fat pig for the same.

But when the proposition was duly submitted, the Indians, for some reason demurred. They were perhaps mindful of past experiences with the "Yankees," whereby their "goat" had vanished. They seemed suspicious of a scheme to poison them. After some parleying it was stipulated that if the Bensons would slaughter the pig, and cook a portion of it, first partaking of the same in their presence, they would close the deal, providing, of course, that no ill effects followed the indulgence in pork steak.

The result of the test proving entirely satisfactory, the copper utensils were passed over to "Uncle" David's family, afterwards coming into the possession of his daughter, Mary, who married Egbert Watts of Dover Plains, N. Y. Some time after her decease, they were given to Mrs. Sarah A. Beiling of Dover Plains, who, in turn presented them to Judge Olcott of New York City.

"UNCLE" JACOB BENSON AND HIS HIRED MAN.

"Uncle" Jacob Benson (1786-1864), son of John and grandson of Jacob, the pioneer, used to live in the town of Amenia, N. Y., near the Dover line, on the farm now owned by Wright P. Tabor. His house was burned in 1864, and he then went to live with his nephew, "Squire" Hufcut.

"Uncle" Jacob was a very shrewd, thrifty farmer. Dividing his time between laying stone walls and keeping a watchful eye on his hired men, seemed to be his most congenial occupation.

In those times farm help was plentiful. "Labor" had but few innings, and but little opportunity for bargaining to advantage with employers.

But it so happened there was a man who got the best of "Uncle" Jacob. It happened in haying time. It frequently occurred on his farm that more grass would be cut in the morning than could be cured and drawn to the barn in the afternoon. So, at dark there would be hay left in the meadow, that "Uncle" Jacob was determined should be put under cover. As a result, the men were ordered out after supper to clean up the field. On this particular occasion, one of the men who was driving the oxen and cart out for a load, hatched a scheme out of the gathering darkness in the meadow and the ebullient wit in his own "dome." After the load had been pitched on, it had become quite dark, and having singled out a good sized boulder near by, and removed the pin from the axle, he "grod" or "harved" right over the obstruction with the load, turning it over, and losing the wheel in the bargain. Of course, he had a hard luck tale ready for the irate "Uncle" Jacob, but it is needless to say, there was no more "haying" it that night.

HOW "BEN" BENSON CLEANED HOUSE.

Benjamin Benson, son of Jacob Benson, 2nd, lived at one time at Schaghticoke, Conn. There were Indians in the neighborhood who were disposed to make him trouble. It was necessary for him to drive his cattle across a stream to pasture, and these Indians greatly annoyed and bothered him by flaunting blankets and throwing missiles which frightened the cattle so they could not be managed. "Ben" naturally got indignant. He read the riot act to his tormentors, and the situation became acute, culminating one day by a call from "Aunt" Eunice Mahwee, a squaw who had been converted to the Christian faith, and was always afterwards loyal to the white people. She could not speak English very well, but when she told "Ben" to "Urry, urry," he knew what it meant. He did not, however, run away, but converting a stout chair into a weapon of defense, awaited the approach of the band of Indians, and single-handed laid all of them low as they entered his house. This incident probably happened prior to the year 1800.

ONE ON THE BENSONS.

When John M. Swift a younger colleague left from Pondikee he first moved to his farm on Rader Hill, in the town of Amenia, N. Y., now owned by Ernest C. Benson, he was not very well versed in farm economies, and was therefore influenced at times to proceed to his own disadvantage, and to the profit of those more "knowing."

It was on one of these occasions that hog-killing time being at hand, Mr. Swift sent for Harvey Schenck, an expert butcher, as well as an expert jekon, to take charge of the killing, and afterwards to cut up the carcasses in preparation for pickling.

During the process of dissection, Mr. Swift was a most interested spectator. "Harv," dandy removed the heads, and bow-lard, and neatly split the plums, corn-fattened animals in halves along the spinal column.

He then proceeded to remove those juicy streaks that are attached to the loins in the region of the loams. "Harvey," inquired Mr. Swift. "What might those portions be?"

"Them," said "Harv," who was by no means destitute either of wit, or a sense of the fitness of things. "them is what they call the tenderloins."

"Are they fit to eat," asked Mr. Swift?

"Wall," replied "Harv," with his characteristic drawl, "The Bensons sometimes eat 'em."

To which observation Mr. Swift responded, by saying, generously, "Well, Harvey, you may have those if you care for them."

AN ANCIENT JACK-KNIFE.

Jacob Benson 2nd (1734-1817) lived on the farm known as the "Cedars," which lies about midway between the residence of Frank Jenkins on the Amenia-Dover line and the homestead of the late William F. Benson.

Jacob Benson's farm descended to his son, David (1779-1857), and to David's son, Joseph (1800-1877), known as "white-headed Joe". The latter's son, Edwin (1838-1919), continued there for some years after his father's death, when the late Samuel K. Benson purchased the farm, and it is now in possession of his son Thomas S. Benson.

One day when Edwin was plowing he turned up a quaint old jack-knife that had a penny or a half coin in the soil for a long time. Pieces of bone heaved to the light he had entirely decayed. It had one large blade of excellent temper, and when the rust was removed was found to be in good condition except as noted. The old relic was identified by Joseph Benson as having belonged to his grandfather, Dea. S. S. and the incident of his losing it was recalled. That was more than 100 years ago. The knife is now in possession of the compiler of this volume.

HENRY D. BENSON AND HIS MISSING GRAIN CRADLE.

Henry D. Benson (1829-1896), having heard his father, Joshua, say that a man formerly in his employ had once cradled ten acres of rye in one day, and he had followed after, raking and binding the grain in the same length of time, determined to show them that he was made of equally as good stuff.

Accordingly, a ten-acre field of oats being ripe for the harvest, Henry shouldered his cradle bright and early in the morning, and "struck" around it. It is recorded of him, that he had a fine physique, being six feet tall, suited to the hardest kind of labor, and what was of great advantage in his self-imposed task, he was gifted with a long reach.

His father, who had been keeping a watchful eye on him, had noted his progress during the day, and observed in the latter part of the afternoon that only a small piece remained in the middle of the lot. But there were indications that a "tired feeling" was creeping over Henry, and when, finally, he sought the cooling shade of a convenient tree, one of his brothers was dispatched to the field with instructions to "wipe" the cradle and hide it. But it transpired that he was nearly exhausted, so that he had to be assisted to the house.

In a letter written in 1845 to a brother then in Wisconsin, he refers to the unfinished stunt by saying that he had a recurrence of "lame back," such as laid him out while cradling in the "old field." That day's work seems rather strenuous when compared with what a team of horses or a reaper or binder will do, or with the man who laboriously cuts a swath around the field in preparation for those modern outfits—and the average farm helper now is both awkward and shy in cultivating the use of the grain cradle.

The writer can vouch for the above incident as being absolutely true, as he has heard it related not alone by the principal, but from disinterested sources as well.

We cherish it here as an instance for the rising generation of what their ancestors were capable of accomplishing in those times when farm machinery was unknown and ladened uncles were depended on to do practically all that was done.

SAMUEL BENSON 1783-1864, AND HIS "BURNED" COAL PIT.

Samuel Benson, generally known as "Uncle" Sam by his contemporaries, lived in the town of Dover where Joseph Ryan now resides. He was a congenial man, and among his intimate associates were John Tabor, George Schermerhorn and Alfred Wheeler, three well-known residents of the town. They were much addicted to playing practical jokes upon one another, as well as upon other unsuspecting victims outside their immediate circle. Among the stories that have been handed down is this one:

It seems that "Uncle" Sam had a coal pit all ready to "burn," and as his friend Schermerhorn was an expert collier, what more natural than that he should bargain with him to do the job. "Schermerhorn," said he, "if you will burn the pit for me, I will give you a yearling bull."

"It shall be done," agreed Schermerhorn, who lost no time in acquainting his friends Tabor and Wheeler with the proposition, in order that they might be "in at the finish" of the little scheme he had in mind. One night not long thereafter, the torch was applied, and the pit duly burned. Nothing but a pile of ashes remained.

The following morning "Uncle" Sam was advised that the contract had been executed. Directing his gaze towards the site of the pit, he saw,—nothing.

Tabor and Wheeler had in the meantime arrived to jollify a little, but "Uncle" Sam, being a man of honor, and somewhat of a philosopher only said, "Schermerhorn, the bull is yours."

THE CIRCUS IN SQUIRE TABOX'S STORE.

Once upon a time it happened that "Uncle" Sam Benson "met up" with his old friend Isiah Benson. The occasion, which took place near the village of Plymouth, Dover Plains, N. Y., on this occasion "Uncle" Sam, who used to make a black horse on his excursions into the wilderness, had had a new horse shoe on his leg. He was talking about his horse, and there could be heard the sound of his step as he walked along. Isiah Benson, who was questioning, when he walked out on the porch, turned and cleared his throat, when, since even the mare was silent.

"I'll be gone," said Schemmerhorn. "What she will whisper if I walk out there and attract her attention." "No, she won't," replied "Uncle" Sam. "I'll be gone," said Schemmerhorn. "I'll take you," replied "Uncle" Sam. Then Schemmerhorn went out on the porch, paced up and down once or twice, at the same time, holding his vocal organs ready to sing. But there was nothing doing. The mare was silent, so Schemmerhorn had to "set him up." After this, when it was proposed to take the mare up on the porch, which she, having been accustomed to, she was led into the store and met at the door by one of the party, who was suddenly bent on getting "Uncle" Sam into trouble. He ran around the store a few times, when his progress was interrupted by an exclamation from "Uncle" Sam, who had thrown a buffalo robe over his head and was shouting, "I might be hidden but I can't see!"

THE MAPLES ON PLYMOUTH HILL.

It is not generally known what adorned the rows of beautiful maple trees that have adorned Plymouth Hill so long.

Joseph H. Benson (1815-1891) worked for Isaac DeForest, a farmer on Plymouth Hill in 1826, when a boy 11 years of age. It was he who set out all those trees, and in after years he was heard to say that he could not wish for a better monument. He predicted, when some of them were trimmed, years ago, that they would begin to decay, which prediction has been verified. Probably the lower branches encroached upon the highway, making their removal necessary, but it is understood to be fatal to a maple to prune it severely. Joseph H. Benson was father of Platt J. Benson of Wassail, N. Y., and grandfather of Frank D. Benson of Dover Plains, N. Y.

SOME QUAIN'T EPITAPHIS.

In Valley View Rural Cemetery at Dover Plains, N. Y., are two tombstones inscribed as follows:

Jacob Benson (1735-1817).

"Stop, my friend, as you pass by,
As you are now, so once was I,
As I am now, so you must be.
Prepare for death, to follow me."

Lydia Benson, his wife (1752-1842).

"Mortals behold, as in a glass,
And here behold your doom.
Death is the door through which you pass,
To your eternal home."

NOTES OF THE BENSON NEIGHBORHOOD.

For a great many years the extreme southeastern part of the town of Amenia, N. Y., has been known as the "Benson Neighborhood."

Formerly there was quite a compact settlement thereof members of the family, their farms in most instances, adjoining. More recently some of these old homesteads have passed to other names, but the Bensons are yet there in considerable numbers. In the towns of Dover, Amenia, Pawling and Washington, there are now (1915) 74 of them.

The oldest homestead is that formerly owned by Samuel Benson, 1st, son of Jacob, 1st, who lived there about the period of the Revolutionary War. The farm has been in continuous possession of his descendants up to the present time, his great grandson, Arthur T. Benson, now residing there. Other homesteads long in the family are those where Platt J. Benson lives, near Wassaic, N. Y., and the place on the State road south of the "Steel Works," where his son, Hadley H. Benson has but recently built a new house to replace the one where his grandfather, the late Joseph H. Benson lived so long, and which was burned several years ago.

The farm of Emanuel C. Benson in Amenia, N. Y., was owned before 1800 by John Benson, and afterwards by Jacob Benson, his son, but it passed out of the family from about 1800 to 1897.

"Aunt" Ruth Benson, widow of the late Samuel K. Benson, has lived in her present home since 1850.

Clara H. Benson succeeded 1878 father, the late James V. Benson, on the farm now owned by him, in the town of Dover, N. Y.

Jacob Benson, Daniel's son-in-law, and his grandson Edwin, lived on the farm adjoining that of the late William T. Benson in the town of Andover, N. Y. It is yet in the Benson name, but the buildings have fallen into decay and no one lives there now. John J. Benson in early life located on a farm in the town of Washington, N. Y. His sons, Ovid and John J., Jr., continue there.

In South Dover, N. Y., Joseph Benson (1772-1812) probably lived on the farm now owned by Mr. Rosenbaum, as he mentions in his will a certain parcel of land near the "Great Pond"—meaning Lake Ellis. His son, Daniel L. succeeded him there, and another son, Ellis, owned the farm nearby that later came into the possession of Ebenezer W. Benson.

Subsequent to 1840 there was a large exodus of the young men and women to the then territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, and their descendants from a considerable part of the records in this volume.

THE BEAVER DAM.

Across a swamp on the farm of Wright P. Tebor, in Andover, N. Y., formerly Jacob Benson's, can be plainly seen from the highway the remains of a beaver dam. It extends diagonally, in a southeast and northwest direction, terminating near the foot of the hill. "Swifts' Pond," at one time covered all the area north of this dam.

NEGRO BURYING GROUNDS.

On this same farm, in a field near the highway not far west from the former home of "Uncle" Jacob Benson there is or was a plot called the "Negro Corner." It is apparent that there were many colored people here in early times. This was one of their burial grounds. Another one is said to be on the old Indian place on Preston Mountain. There was a slave in the family of Thomas Swift at Singak who was called "Cuffy."

THE MILL ON THE MOUNTAIN.

On the East Mountain near the old "Decker" place there was formerly a dam and mill. As there was quite a settlement up there once, the mill was probably erected as a matter of convenience in grinding their grain, as tries to the valley were laborious. The stream utilized was the "trouting brook."

WHO THEIR NEIGHBORS WERE.

William Tanner, grandfather of Doctor Tanner, lived where William S. Metcalf now resides. William Fry where Wright P. Tabor does. David Johnson in what is now Mr. Tabor's tenant house. Daniel Somers, lived where Joseph Ryan does. Moses Swift on "Poplar Hill," and Thomas Swift, known as "Saxony" Swift beyond, at the foot of the hill. Alexander Grant owned the farm, now Horatio N. Bain's. On the Mountain were, Clark Preston, Horace Cook, Allan Kennedy, and other good substantial citizens like the Patchins, Critons, Wolotts, Hufents, and others.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOLS IN THE BENSON NEIGHBORHOOD.

Probably the first common school to be established in the neighborhood where most of the Benson families lived was the one near the house of Jacob Benson, a grandson of Jacob the pioneer. This was in the town of Amelia, on the Amelia-Dover line, and on the highway leading west from Emanuel C. Benson's.

The school building, which was a small, unpainted one, was located at the southern point of the hill just west of "Uncle" Jacob's. It was unoccupied for many years previous to being torn down—as we think between 1880 and 1885.

It is not known when it was erected, but Miss Polly Hopkins taught there previous to her marriage to Jacob Benson, which was prior to 1808. Afterwards her sister, Miss Lodema Hopkins taught there for a long time. She was succeeded by Abbie Harris. About the period of her incumbency some objection was raised to continuing the school which developed into a neighborhood feud. One night the windows of the school house were smashed, and feeling ran high so that the school was closed in consequence.

Among those who attended there were David Benson's children, as well as grand children, among the latter being Mrs. Cyrus Stark, (now Susan Benson), of Dover, N. Y. One of John Benson's son, J. Edwin Benson, of Dover Plains, also recalls going to school there when a very small boy. Mrs. Stark, now 101½, 80 years of age, told the writer that she was three years old when she first attended school there.

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1, DOVER.

It is beyond the ken of anyone now living to give any information about the date of the formation of school district No. 1, or when the present school building was erected before 1800, but has been improved to some extent since that time. There are a few persons now who went to school there in the late forties. They say the first school house of that period had apparently been there a long time. The teachers, so far as their names can be recalled, have been as follows: Homer Waller, Ezra Howland, Miles Andrews, Abigail Pomeroy, Keziah Brady, Elizabeth Foss, Miss Parsons, Maria Hays, Mr. Brady, Baldwin Stevens, Alexander Grant, Amelia C. Grant, Dea. Joseph Hall, Horace D. Huford, William Willett, John B. Scott, Sarah C. Benson, Mrs. Betsy Patchin, Miss Jerusha Stark, Mrs. Addie DeLaverzue (now Mrs. William Williams, of Wessels, N. Y.), Miss Theresie A. Benson (now Mrs. R. B. Lyman, of White Plains, N. Y.), Mr. Ferguson (Jern, but efficient), Miss Jones, Miss Grace Butts, Miss Gregory, Miss Reynolds, Frank Conant, Miss Ella Gilman, Mrs. Olivia Gilman, James H. Boyce, S. B. Shaw, George Kisselbrack, Miss Angeline Lee, Miss Emma Lee, Daniel Hall, Arthur H. Briggs, Miss Annie L. Benson (now Mrs. Samuel Hutchinson, of Chatham, N. Y.), Miss Jeannette Morgan, Miss Jennie Benson (now Mrs. Litchfield, of New York City), Miss Kirtle A. Benson (now Mrs. John Dutcher, of Dover Plains, N. Y.), Samuel B. Irish, William Tabor, Miss Brown, Mr. Fleming, Miss Julia Hennessey, Milton Preston, Haratio S. Benson, Miss Sarah Thompson, Charles J. Dutcher, Miss Pulver, Miss Sadie E. Benson, Miss Mary Mahoney, Mr. Fletcher, Miss Laura Bird, Miss Harriet Paulsen, Miss Nettie Treabridge.

These names are not given in the order of incumbency, for it has not been possible to obtain data of the service of many of them. When Ezra Howland taught there about 70 years ago he punished a boy

nanted their names. Zillah, Tojiman's son, so bravely had heeded
his father's words as a nurse of the injuries received. The next morn-
ing, after the incident occurred, some of the young men of the district
went to the school-house with the intention of punishing Howland,
but he had decamped, and the opportunity to administer justice
never came.

RETROSPECTIVE.

We boast no crest nor Kalahtly crown,
By conquest's never won
For darksome deeds of much renown,
In royal service done.

Ours but the common, humble span,
In field and workshop spent,
The love of home and fellow-man,
Of duty and content.

The lonely rock-bound barren shore,
Where Pilgrim fathers tread,
Could offer nothing, then, much more,
Than scant supply of bread.

And freedom, too, of honest thought,
Was to their souls refused,
That liberty that they had sought,
Their leaders, stern, abused.

Chafed by the Peritanic reign,
That privilege denied,
Our fathers ventured to obtain
Rights, in new lands espied.

Thus, Jacob and his comrades true,
Turned westward, toward the Oblong's vale,
Eager the trail to find pursue,
Found homes none could assail.

THEY'VE GROWN IN THE PHOENIX,
The millions of bushels in yield
And as the record of harvest,
Percentages and in field.

The generations come and went,
And visions were for greater stores,
Rich blessings, multiplication were sent,
In children, floods by scores.

Until with passing of the years
Since early settlements on the way,
Our number never in arrears,
Proclaims we're here to stay.

Thus, spreading wide the family tree,
Its ramifications roots and fold
The great Union, and you say,
These records now have told.

From city, town and distant state,
Are gathered here relations, all,
With names, and age, and sex and date,
And stories some recall.

Go little back, to homes away,
With past and present bleedied,
Point out the branch since Jacob's day,
From which we are descended.

A. T. B.

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Benson, Amos	84	Benson, Benjamin	55
Benson, Amos	84	Benson, Benjamin	77
Benson, Amos H.	65	Benson, Benjamin	94
Benson, Amos M.	77	Benson, Benjamin Ward	82
Benson, Amos	100	Benson, Benjamin	29
Benson, Amos	84	Benson, Benjamin	25
Benson, Amos	42	Benson, Benjamin	66
Benson, Anna	67	Benson, Benjamin	77
Benson, Anna	67	Benson, Benjamin	91
Benson, Anna Chappell	68	Benson, Benjamin	78
Benson, Anna M.	49	Benson, Benjamin, Jr.	38
Benson, Anna M.	73	Benson, Benjamin H.	24
Benson, Anna M.	32	Benson, Benjamin	42
Benson, Anna M.	101	Benson, Benjamin Chappell	78
Benson, Anna M.	79	Benson, Benjamin L.	49
Benson, Anna M.	71	Benson, Benjamin S.	63
Benson, Anna M.	79	Benson, Benjamin S.	66
Benson, Anna M.	75	Benson, Benjamin	75
Benson, Anna M.	20	Benson, Benjamin D.	75
Benson, Anna M.	74	Benson, Benjamin	75
Benson, Anna M.	52	Benson, Benjamin	78
Benson, Anna M.	103	Benson, Benjamin	28
Benson, Anna M.	28	Benson, Benjamin	67
Benson, Anna M.	28	Benson, Benjamin	75
Benson, Anna M.	28	Benson, Benjamin	66
Benson, Anna M.	28	Benson, Benjamin	67

Benson, Isaac		Benson, Mary	
(daughter of Isaac)	81	Benson, Mary Ann	19
Benson, Isaac, Jr.	65	Benson, Mary Ann	10
Benson, Isaac, M.		Benson, Mary Ann	97
(daughter of S. Mather A.)	96	Benson, Mary Ann	74
Benson, Isaac, M.	61	Benson, Mary Ann	16
Benson, Isaac, M.	67	Benson, Mary Ann	1
Benson, Isaac, M.	51	Benson, Mary Ann	98
Benson, Isaac, M.		Benson, Mary Ann	21
(son of David, Dover, N. Y.)	43	Benson, Mary Ann	20
Benson, Isaac, M.		Benson, Mary Ann	
(daughter of J. Mather)	87	Benson, Mary Ann	38
Benson, Isaac, M.		Benson, Mary Ann	
(daughter of J. Mather)	20	Benson, Mary Ann	91
Benson, Isaac, M.		Benson, Mary Ann	
(daughter of J. Mather)	28	Benson, Mary Ann	60
Benson, Isaac, M.	20	Benson, Mary Ann	
Benson, Isaac, M.	18	Benson, Mary Ann	61
Benson, Isaac, M.		Benson, Mary Ann	60
(son of J. Mather)	85	Benson, Mary Ann	83
Benson, Isaac, M.	15	Benson, Mary Ann	90
Benson, M. G. G. G.	51	Benson, Mary Ann	97
Benson, M. G. G.	35	Benson, Mary Ann	99
Benson, M. G. G.	15	Benson, Mary Ann	72
Benson, M. G. G.	32	Benson, Mary Ann	
Benson, M. G. G.	87	Benson, Mary Ann	10
Benson, M. G. G.	101	Benson, Mary Ann	93
Benson, M. G. G.	75	Benson, Mary Ann	97
Benson, M. G. G.	71	Benson, Mary Ann	17
Benson, M. G. G.		Benson, Mary Ann	24
Benson, M. G. G.	39	Benson, Mary Ann	78
Benson, M. G. G.	30	Benson, Mary Ann	98
Benson, M. G. G.	89	Benson, Mary Ann	
Benson, M. G. G.	96	Benson, Mary Ann	90
Benson, M. G. G.		Benson, Mary Ann	64
(daughter of James A.)	73	Benson, Mary Ann	66
Benson, M. G. G.		Benson, Mary Ann	20
(daughter of Clark H.)	72	Benson, Mary Ann	91
Benson, M. G. G.	55	Benson, Mary Ann	74
Benson, M. G. G.	45	Benson, Mary Ann	71
Benson, M. G. G.		Benson, Mary Ann	27
(wife of Jacob, 3rd)	19	Benson, Mary Ann	97
Benson, M. G. G.	98	Benson, Mary Ann	58
Benson, Mary		Benson, Mary Ann	97
(daughter of Allan L.)	21	Benson, Mary Ann	90
Benson, Mary		Benson, Mary Ann	73
(daughter of Ambrose)	103	Benson, Mary Ann	24
Benson, Mary		Benson, Mary Ann	24
(daughter of Chauncey)	26	Benson, Mary Ann	73
Benson, Mary		Benson, Mary Ann	25
(daughter of David, 1st)	38	Benson, Mary Ann	57
Benson, Mary		Benson, Mary Ann	55
(daughter of David, 2d)	38	Benson, Mary Ann	77
Benson, Mary		Benson, Mary Ann	103
(daughter of Loomis)	20	Benson, Mary Ann	
Benson, Mary		Benson, Mary Ann	50
(daughter of R. B. 1st)	83	Benson, Mary Ann	98

Benson, William	29
Benson, William	39
Benson, William	41
Benson, William A.	38
Benson, William A.	90
Benson, William F.	54
Benson, William George	97
Benson, William H.	36
Benson, William Sanford	87
Benson, Willis	40
Benson, Zedie J.	78
Andrews, William H.	93
Bard, Bruce	102
B. T. James M.	25
Beebe, Alfred	92
Bird, James	69
Bromfield, Theresa	100
Cameron, Mrs. John D.	100
Cass, Truman F.	46
Clear, Joseph	103
Clark, Elbert	97
Cooper, Preserved	101
Cypher, George	62
Darling, F. Earl	23
Darling, Aaron	85
Darling, Charles P.	71
Darling, Daniel	58
Darling, Charles L.	74
Dutcher, Amelia	100
Dutcher, Benjamin	17
Dutcher, Cornelius	100
Dutcher, Enos	100
Dutcher, John	79
Dutcher, John O.	62
Dutcher, J. Van Ness	68
Dutcher, Mrs. Maria	100
Dutcher, Newton	41
Dutcher, William H.	77
Deming, Olin L.	71
Dixon, John	40
Dunbar, George S.	41
Ehle, Mrs. Archie	84
Fox, Eugene	33
Gay, Mrs.	
Gilbert, Mrs.	
(daughters of Robert, 2nd)	84
Haicht, Henry G.	12
Hall, Susan J.	38
Harding, N. J.	26
H. H. Sanford	37
Hufcut, George	99
Hufcut, George, Esq.	86
Hufcut, Henry J.	99
Hufcut, Horace D.	99
Hunt, Peter	29
Hutchinson, Samuel	79
Irish, M.	62
Irish, Fred M.	52
Jones, William	25
Jayne, Charles	26
Jenkins, Aaron P.	53
Kenneth Augusta R. N.	100
King, Thomas	90
Lambert, James Irvin	62
Leah, James A.	91
Leah, John	61
Malone, D. B.	87
Marble, Perry	82
McDonald, Henry L.	103
Marble, Perry	98
McDonald, George W.	86
Morgan, Reed	79
Morgan, Thomas	101
Ness, Henry J.	24
Nichols, F. John N.	31
O'Brien, George A.	52
Odell, Mrs. William	101
Peck, Watson W.	41
Perry, George W.	82
Perry, George W.	37
Praper, Ruth A.	100
Prayer, Milton	76
Robinson, Maudie	96
Rodgers, William K.	100
Ryan, Irving B.	89
Ryan, James	84
Ryan, Joseph	67
Ryan, Robert B.	89
Scheemhorn, Hiram	29
Scheemhorn, John L.	55
Simpson, Ambrose B.	103
Snell, George	91
Snell, Henry	100
Snell, Nathaniel	29
Stark, Cyrus	36
Sturges, Edward	61
Tanner, Henry	88
Tarr, William	73
Toungkins, Mary B.	100
Walker, Henry	78
Watts, Albert	31
Watts, Egbert	38
Weaver	91
Wells, Philip	36
Wheeler	85
Wheeler, John	101
Whip, Mrs. W. J.	100
Winchester, Harry H.	24
Winchester, Mrs. Miss E.	24
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